

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)
EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 2:30 p.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC
494 South Fletcher Road
Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: S. Girard (Committee Chair), A. Amaral, T. Ste. Marie,
S. Leech, P. Ruth

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; P.
Bishop, Director of Instruction; J. Evans, CUPE President;
J. Shelemey, SCTA President; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Trustee Girard.

2. Positive Partnerships (2e) - 2:30 PM

{Correction: A report was provided on Strategic Goal 3.c. "Collaboration and Partnerships" due to a miscommunication. Strategic Goal 2.e. "Positive Partnerships" will be scheduled for discussion at a future committee meeting}

"Our district will pursue opportunities that enhance collaboration and deepen partnerships throughout our local and global community."

Director Kerr reported on the Pathways to Care initiative that was created in partnership with BC Children's Hospital, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Family Smart, Sunshine Coast Community Services, Vancouver Coastal Health and the Sunshine Coast Division of Family Practice. These same agencies also form the Sunshine Coast Child and Youth Mental Health local action team who meet monthly, with Marilyn Baines as the committee chair.

The committee reviewed a newly developed document that lists valuable resources for crisis prevention, housing need, recreation supports, nutritional supports and legal resources. The document also outlines clear paths for families who are experiencing issues with mental health or substance use.

The information is being distributed widely and is also available on the district website at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Pathways-to-Care-Document-June-2020-Version.pdf>.

3. Core Competencies (1c)

"Our students will engage in ongoing reflection, experiential learning, and personalized inquiry through the application of the Core Competencies"

Director Kerr shared strategies that allow younger students to describe their understanding of their core competencies and provided several examples of ways in which core competencies are integrated at the primary level. A copy of Director Kerr's presentation is available on the district website at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-09-Ed-Presentations.pdf>.

4. Fine Arts (1k)

"Our students will actively participate in expanded fine arts programs."

Superintendent Bocking reported on the provincial approach to arts education. A copy of his presentation is available at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-09-Ed-Presentations.pdf>.

The committee discussed:

- the format of the Fine Arts Committee, which consists of a principal, five teachers, the superintendent and a community school coordinator.
- the continuation of ASSAI funding to support arts programming through after school programs,
- challenges in offering a variety of in-depth fine arts studies in grades 10-12 due to small school communities.
- a commitment from educators to provide a diverse course offering.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.