

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC
494 South Fletcher Road
Gibsons, BC

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer;
R. Collison, Manager of Facilities; P. Luporini, District Principal
of Technology; 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 10:04 a.m. by Trustee Hampvent.

2. Summer Work Review

Manager of Facilities and Transportation, Rob Collison, reported on work completed over the summer months:

- Installation of heat pumps at Kinnikinnick Elementary (capital project)
- Drainage improvements to the playground at Kinnikinnick Elementary
- Rebuilt deck and soffit on modular building at Cedar Grove Elementary
- Installation of vertical, ducted-in unit ventilators at Halfmoon Bay Elementary (capital project)
- Completed renovations to office and staff room at Halfmoon Bay Elementary
- Replaced library carpet at Halfmoon Bay Elementary

- Replaced ridge cap and repaired metal roof at Halfmoon Bay Elementary
- Repaired damage section of running track and repainting lines at Elphinstone Secondary
- Pressure washed and cleaned exterior cladding at Roberts Creek Elementary
- Completed renovation to computer lab and library at Pender Harbour Secondary
- Repainted gym exterior with elastomeric coating to resolve leaking envelope issue at the Sechelt Learning Centre
- Repainted back of school exterior at Elphinstone Secondary
- Lighting study at Chatelech Secondary, Elphinstone Secondary and Langdale Elementary (partially funded by BC Hydro)
- Replaced playground and play area surfacing at Roberts Creek Elementary (capital project)
- Non-structural seismic review of all facilities

3. Transportation Review

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on:

- Active Travel:
 - Upcoming Active Transportation week in late September,
 - "Best Routes to School" maps developed for several schools, will be vetted by school PACs to ensure the routes meet the needs of the school community,
 - Response from RCMP in supporting the Langdale community by increasing a highway presence during the school start and end times,
 - Commitment from the District of Sechelt to enhance maintenance of bike routes,
- Changes to District Bussing due to Covid-19:
 - Communications to families regarding changes to practice for courtesy riders on school buses to reduce density,
 - Working on refining bus lists and developing seat assignments for October,

- Courtesy riders living inside the walk limit may now be able to access service in certain areas, provided density is limited to one child per row.
- Courtesy riders who travel cross boundary may be removed from the bus if it is deemed necessary to decrease density on that route.

The committee discussed challenges to active travel that are often cited by families, including weather, wildlife and terrain in rural areas. The committee also discussed the stigma and uncertainty associated with allowing younger children to walk to school on their own. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the MCFD has indicated that the benefit of active travel often outweighs any perceived risk.

The committee reviewed a bell schedule and route optimization report that was developed in 2017 by a consultant.

The committee discussed the parameters and scope of the transportation review and considered:

- length of rides,
- before-school and after-school wait times, when supervision is required,
- consulting with parents to determine current concerns or gaps in service,
- using the strategic plan values to inform the scope (ie: improving equity by improving service to areas not served by public transportation)
- considering the environmental impact and benefits of bussing,
- ensuring that clear parameters are set and that schools and families are aware that change could improve service to some students while negatively affecting others.

4. Local Government OCP and Zoning Referrals (standing item)

The committee reviewed the application and determined that the district was unaffected by the change.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.