

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC
494 South Fletcher Road
Gibsons, BC

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer;
K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; J. Shelemey, SCTA President;
J. Evans, CUPE 801 President; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: P. Ruth, Trustee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Preliminary Budget Timelines

The committee reviewed the preliminary budget timelines for the development of the 2021-22 Annual Budget.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the format of the public budget consultation would likely be online which may help with public participation. Feedback from all consultations will be shared with the Operations Committee for January and February meetings.

Trustees requested that strategic plan support and programs, such as the mental health navigators' program, be outlined in the budget presentation to celebrate the work being done in support of the mental health and to highlight the connection between the budget and strategic plan goals. Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that this approach has worked well in the past.

3. Transportation Review

The committee reviewed data collected through the Middle Years Development Instrument relating to active travel. The survey asked students in grades 4 and 7 how they currently travel to and from school, compared to how they would prefer to travel to and from school. The data collected shows that the number of

students who wish to cycle, skate or scoot to school are significantly higher than those who actually participate in those same active transportation options.

Trustees relayed parental concerns around student safety that prohibit active travel to schools in our area.

BCSTA has also passed a motion to advocate to the Ministry of Transportation in support of active travel by students.

RECOMMENDATION:

“That the board draft letters to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and to local governments requesting that they prioritize infrastructures that support active travel for students.”

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“That the board support the SCRD in their lobby to use gas tax revenues to improve bike and pedestrian lanes.”

RECOMMENDATION:

“That the board draft a letter to the province around the NDP’s policy in support of active transportation, as indicated in their campaign.”

The committee reviewed walk limits in comparison to other districts across the province and discussed next steps in the transportation review, which include:

- Developing a survey
- Accessing support from ASTSBC
- Developing a business case to bring transportation services in house

A copy of Secretary-Treasurer’s presentation is available on the district website at <https://sd46.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020-10-Ops-Presentations.pdf>.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick stressed that the district is not contemplating any mid-year shifts to bell schedules or bus routes until, at the earliest, September 2021.

4. West Sechelt Expansion/SLC Daycare Update

Secretary-Treasurer reviewed progress to date on the West Sechelt Elementary expansion project as well as progress on the Sechelt Learning Centre daycare renovation. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared information on the YMCA’s child care philosophies and strategies in response to a request at the October board meeting.

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

a. Subdivision Referral (5547 Trail Avenue)

The committee reviewed the referral and noted that the district’s interests are largely unaffected by the application. The district plans to respond to all relevant referrals to request that infrastructures support active travel options to schools.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.