

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC
494 South Fletcher Road
Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth, Board Chair; S. Leech, Vice-Chair; A. Amaral, Trustee
S. Haines, Trustee; M. Hampvent, Trustee; S. Girard, Trustee;
T. Ste. Marie, Trustee

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer;
K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; S. Murawsky, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: P. Bishop, Director of Instruction

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Chair Ruth acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Celebrating Education: Chatelech Secondary Concert Band - P. Bocking

Superintendent Bocking shared a recording of the Chatelech Secondary Concert Band practice of O'Canada recorded by Teacher Tom Kellough. Physical distancing, masks and health and safety protocols are observed.

Continuing with celebrating education, Superintendent Bocking described his recent visit to Langdale Elementary. From learning about animal habitats to reading Charlotte's Web to Remembrance Day understanding and class discussion, Superintendent Bocking commented that "The learning that is going on in our classrooms right now is incredible!"

3. Process for Questions from the Public

Questions and enquiries from the public were invited by email to questions@sd46.bc.ca for discussion at the end of the meeting.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Trustee Amaral

Seconded: Trustee Girard

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of November 4, 2020 be adopted."

Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

a. Regular Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2020

Moved: Trustee Amaral

Seconded: Trustee Hampvent

MOTION: "THAT the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020, be approved."

Carried.

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking and Director Kerr highlighted:

- Fun and safe Halloween celebrations at schools.
- "Social Media Awareness" session, which highlights the digital footprint through the use of social media, was shared with DSLT and secondary students.
- Elementary counsellors focusing on anxiety support with EASE (Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators) curriculum.
- Supports developed by the Physical Health and Education Committee which provide guidance on physical education programs during the pandemic.
- Staff well-being working group began in February, met in June, and most recently developed a conversation resource.
- Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Prevention training opportunities continue to take place.
- Health and Safety Committee providing training opportunities to support first aid and staff mental health.
- District professional day on November 23 focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Social Justice, and Anti-Racism.
- Recent completion of *Parenting through Difficult Times* 6-week series.
- District wide communication strategy for health and safety signage, developed by Communication Officer Stephanie Murawsky, in consultation with principals.

- Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre grade 3 program continues for third year.
- Environmental Initiatives Poster developed and shared widely, celebrating environmental education and initiatives.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.d. – Literacy

Superintendent Bocking reported on this goal in the October Education Committee and the full report is available in the meeting package. Superintendent Bocking stated that, “We take it very seriously that by the end of Grade 3 all our students read at their grade level.” He outlined the goals of the literacy committee chaired by District Principal Kirsten Deasey.

2. Goal 3.a. – Communication

Superintendent Bocking highlighted the various ways the district communicates with staff, students and their families. A copy of the full report is available in the meeting package.

3. Goal 3.b. - Visioning and Planning

Chair Ruth reported that an Intergovernmental meeting planned for last April was postponed due to the pandemic. It is now being planned for this winter by the SCRD. Also planning for meetings with the following: Town of Gibsons, Sechelt Nation government and MLA (once election dust settles).

c. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report, highlighting final enrolment figures and FTE. For reporting and funding purposes, SC Online enrolment is combined under the SPIDER umbrella of programs.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of October 2020

The report was submitted as written.

d. Board Report: submit as written.

1. BCSTA Report:

The report was submitted as written.

Trustee Ruth provided overview of the upcoming Trustee Academy.

Vice-Chair Leech reported on the recent South Coast Branch meeting and plans for a joint training opportunity with Theresa Nicholson on public engagement and social media in early January.

2. BCPSEA Report:

The report was submitted as written.

3. Student Trustee Report:

Student Trustee Grunenberg reported that the DSLT is in the process of surveying secondary students with broad questions to get a sense of where students are at right now during the pandemic. Once the DSLT has final data, they will process it and report back to the board.

e. Ad Hoc Policy Prioritization Committee Notes - October 19, 2020

The notes were submitted as written.

f. Ad Hoc Equity Committee Meeting - October 21, 2020

Trustee Hampvent reported that a draft policy will be reviewed at the November meeting prior. The board discussed ways in which the board could support the BCSTA in their work towards developing an anti-racism policy.

g. Committee of the Whole Notes - October 27, 2020

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: " To approve the revisions to Policy 2 - Role of the Board."

Carried

h. Education Committee Notes - October 27, 2020

The notes were submitted as written. Trustee Girard reflected on the meeting. MDI data will be reviewed again at the January Education Committee. The 2020 data <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd46/>

i. Operations Committee Notes - October 27, 2020

Moved: Hampvent

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "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."

Carried

Moved: Hampvent

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the board support the SCR D in their lobby to use gas tax revenues to improve bike and pedestrian lanes "

Carried

Moved: Hampvent

Seconded: Amaral

MOTION: "THAT the board draft a letter to the province regarding the NDP's policy in support of active transportation, as indicated in their campaign."

Carried

j. Receipt of Reports

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Amaral

MOTION: "THAT the reports be received."

Carried

7. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A member of the public asked for clarification regarding the bus optimization report provided School Bus Logistics included in an Operations Committee meeting package. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick clarified that the report was provided for information only and did not constitute proposed changes. The board will consult with families before making any changes due to the potential for impacts on parents and families. It was noted that in the Operations Committee notes from October, staff stressed that there would be no contemplated changes to bell schedules or bus routes until September 2021 arising from this transportation review.
- A member of the public asked if local trades were being used in the ongoing construction project. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick responded that the district seeks tenders from contractors and local contractors are encouraged to submit a bid. Several local companies have been successful in securing contracts for portions of the work.
- A member of the press asked if the final enrolment numbers matched the preliminary data presented at the last board meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick responded that there had been only minor changes, with no impact on staffing due to the adjustments.
- A member of the public asked for an update secondary schools travel club refunds. Superintendent Bocking reported that the families are still waiting on their refunds and continue to seek resolution.

8. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on December 9, 2020.

a. Committee Agendas

Moved: Girard

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Carried

9. Board Elections

a. Board Chair:

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick assumed the role of chair for the purpose of the board chair election.

Trustee Amaral and Trustee Leech were nominated for the role of board chair. Having both accepted the nominations, the board proceeded with a secret ballot vote.

Upon recording the results, Trustee Amaral was elected chair of the board and assumed the role for the remainder of the meeting.

b. Vice-Chair

Trustee Hampvent was nominated for the role of Vice-Chair and accepted the nomination. Trustee Leech was also nominated for the role and accepted the nomination.

Upon recording the results, Trustee Hampvent was elected to the role of Vice-Chair.

c. BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Trustee Representative

Trustee Ruth was nominated for the role of BCPSEA Trustee Representative and accepted the nomination.

Seeing no further nominations, Trustee Ruth was acclaimed to the role.

d. BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative

Trustee Ste. Marie was nominated for the role of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative and accepted the nomination.

Seeing no further nominations, Trustee Tonya Ste. Marie was acclaimed to the role.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Amanda Amaral - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer