

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

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

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

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

REGRETS: P. Bishop, Director of Instruction

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Chair Amaral acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territories of the shísháhlh and Squamish Nations.

2. Celebrating Education: Celebrating Indigenous Learning

Superintendent Bocking shared a short video celebrating Indigenous learning in School District 46.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of December 9, 2020 be adopted."

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

a. Regular Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2020

b. Record of Closed Meeting - November 4, 2020

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "THAT the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2020 and the Record of Closed Meeting of November 4, 2020, be approved."

Carried

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking and Director Kerr shared information on:

- Remembrance Day at schools,
- Recent elementary reporting and parent / teacher interviews,
- District participation in the Equity Scan to support indigenous students and the community,
- Davis Bay Elementary designated as a “Bee School”,
- Access to the *Sora* digital library to enhance and enrich access to literacy,
- Virtual learning opportunities with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra,
- Updated completion rates show all students and indigenous students graduating at a similar rate,
- District professional development day with Dr. Kevin Lamoureux and Shelley Moore,
- Spoken word poet Travena Spilchen aka Spillious, presentation “SOGI with Spillious” for students in grades 6-12,
- Anxiety workshop for families, sponsored by Family Engagement Committee,
- PAC ZOOM visits to discuss what it’s like to parent during a pandemic,
- Public budget consultation webinar,
- Donation from local community volunteers, Julie Astalnok, and Christine Ritz, of over 1300 three ply masks.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.h. - Indigenous Cultures and Diversity

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and highlighted supports for indigenous education.

2. Goal 3.g. - International Student Program

Superintendent Bocking shared a written report on the international student program and noted that the program was running at a minimum level as a result of the pandemic.

c. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a brief update on ongoing budget consultations, work on the amended budget, and an expected ministry funding announcement in mid-December.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of November 2020

A request was made for information on cheques to community schools. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick will report back.

d. Board Report

In addition to the written report, Chair Amaral shared:

- Chair participation in the Public Budget Consultation webinar,
- Co-authored the November *Education Matters* article with Superintendent Bocking,
- Trustee participation in the virtual BCSTA Trustee Academy,
- Trustee involvement at the Intergovernmental Meeting.

1. Committee and PAC Appointments

Chair Amaral reported on committee and PAC appointments for 2021:

- Operations Committee – Chair: Trustee Haines. Members: Trustees Haines, Leech, and Ste. Marie
- Education Committee – Chair: Trustee Girard. Members: Trustees Girard, Hampvent, and Ruth
- Joint Use Committee – Members: Trustees Hampvent, Haines and Leech with Trustee Girard as an alternate.

2. BCSTA Report

Trustee Ste. Marie reported:

- Key issues addressed at BCSTA Trustee Academy included racism and mental health,
- Director Kerr was recognized at the Trustee Academy for her work supporting student mental health,
- The new minister of education addressed trustees at the Academy,
- Last day for submission of extraordinary motions is February 4, 2021 and the last day for submission of substantive motions is February 16, 2021.
- BCSTA scholarship deadline is March 1, 2021
- Request to BCSTA for an appointment to the BCSTA Climate Change working group.

Trustee Ruth shared feedback on the Trustee Academy and reminded trustees to provide survey responses. The BCSTA AGM is scheduled for April 17, 2021 and is likely to be a virtual event.

3. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Ruth indicated that she would be attending the BCPSEA AGM, scheduled for January 28, 2021.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Grunenberg shared that the DSLT had filtered through responses to a recent survey and determined interest in,

- Additional resources to support mental health,
- Support for additional sports teams (e.g.: volleyball)
- Request for additional education on mental health and racism, in the form of conversations rather than lectures.

The majority of responses came from students in grades 10-12. The DSLT is considering how to better involve younger students in future surveys.

e. Ad Hoc Equity Committee Notes - November 16, 2020

Trustee Hampvent thanked District Principal Mahlman and Superintendent Bocking for their work in developing a draft policy. Feedback on the draft policy will be sought from DPAC and the Indigenous Education Advisory Circle, among other stakeholders, prior to further review at the December ad hoc meeting.

f. Committee of the Whole Notes - November 24, 2020

Chair Amaral spoke to the meeting notes.

1. Guidelines on Letters of Support

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Leech

MOTION: "THAT the board develop a policy to assess requests for letters of support."

Carried

g. Education Committee Notes - November 24, 2020

Trustee Girard thanked District Principal Mahlman, Bonnie Finnoti, Tammy Saigeon and Gustav Guzak for their presentation on Indigenous education practices.

1. BAA Course Framework - Community Television Broadcasting

Moved: Girard

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "THAT the Board of Education of School District 46 approve and support the implementation and delivery of Community Television Broadcasting program and the proposed course framework."

Carried

h. Operations Committee Notes - November 24, 2020

Trustee Hampvent shared that the committee had discussed and provided their feedback on the transportation survey to families.

i. Receipt of Reports

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Ruth

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 if the district would directly inform staff and families of a covid exposure, should one occur, or if the district would rely on Vancouver Coastal Health for communication.

Superintendent Bocking reported on the exposure reporting process and indicated that the district would follow the direction of Vancouver Coastal Health should an exposure occur.

8. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on January 13, 2021.

a. Committee Agendas

Trustee Ste. Marie requested that the agenda setting committee consider an opportunity to discuss motions to the BCSTA AGM at the January Committee of the Whole.

Trustee Leech requested that the agenda setting committee add the draft policy to assess requests for letters of support to the January Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Leech

MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Amendment:

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Hampvent

"TO adjust the end time of Operations Committee to 11:00 a.m. and to adjust the start time of Committee of the Whole to 11:30 a.m. and approve the agendas as amended."

Carried

Main motion as amended

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Leech

Motion as amended.

Carried

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Amanda Amaral - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer