

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 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; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

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

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

2. Service Recognition

Chair Amaral thanked Trustee Ruth and Trustee Leech for their time, dedication and leadership during their two consecutive terms as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. A special gift will be provided as a token of gratitude.

3. Celebrating Education: Early Learning - K. Deasey

Director of Learning and Innovation, Kirsten Deasey shared a presentation which celebrated the district's long-standing commitment to early literacy through the Imagination Library and the newly renovated WonderWheels bus.

4. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- There were no questions from the public.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of January 13, 2021 be adopted."

Carried

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

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes - December 9, 2020
- b. Record of Closed Meeting - December 9, 2020

Moved: Girard

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT the Regular Meeting December 9, 2020 and the Record of Closed Meeting of December 9, 2020, be approved."

Carried

7. Reports

- a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report and shared three poems from the Coast Voices student writing anthology.

Superintendent Bocking shared a written statement and noted his intention to retire at the end of the school year. Trustees thanked Superintendent Bocking for his support and service.

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "THAT the Board strike an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for the Superintendent Hiring Committee."

Carried

- b. Strategic Plan Reports

- 1. Goal 1.b. - Early Years

The report was submitted as written.

- 2. Goal 1.g. - Physical Health

Director Kerr spoke to her written report and highlighted programs that support student activities outdoors, both during and after school, as well as nutritional supports for students.

- 3. Goal 2.a. - Healthy and Inspired Team

Director Kerr spoke to her written report and highlighted initiatives that support staff wellness.

- c. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on new funding of approximately \$50,000 to support schools during Covid. Recommendations will be made to the Operations Committee for use of these funds.

A verbal report was provided regarding the addition of outdoor structures to support outdoor learning during the pandemic. An order has been placed for the structures however the delivery date was unknown at the time of the meeting. Schools have been provided lists of preferred options for outdoor structures should they have more pressing needs in the interim and have been provided with financial support to purchase items such as ponchos, umbrellas, etc.

d. Board Report

Chair Amaral spoke to her written report and reflected on supports for students and families experiencing poverty, as well as ways that the board can support art education at schools.

Moved: Girard
Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO strike an ad hoc committee to develop an Arts in School policy."

Carrie

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Trustees shared their thoughts on timelines for the ad hoc committee.

1. Ad Hoc Honourarium Committee

Trustees Amaral, Haines and Leech were appointed to the Ad Hoc Honourarium Committee.

2. BCSTA Report

Trustee Ste. Marie reported on the upcoming Provincial Council, and shared deadlines for motions to the April Annual General Meeting. Trustees will have an opportunity to discuss potential motions at the January Committee of the Whole.

Moved: Ste. Marie
Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO form an equity ad hoc committee that will develop a policy around anti-poverty."

Carrie

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3. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Ruth reported that nominations are being received for BCPSEA director with an election taking place at the AGM at the end

of the month. Trustee Ruth reported that Renzo Del Negro has stepped down from his position as Chief Executive Officer to BCPSEA.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Grunenberg shared plans to develop a student led program to discuss mental health. The DSLT is hoping to trial the program with grade 12 students shortly after the spring break.

e. Committee of the Whole Notes - December 15, 2020

1. Decentralized Decision Making (Policy 15)

Moved: Hampvent

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "To accept the proposed changes to Policy 15 - Decentralized Decision Making."

Carried

2. Reports (Bylaw 61)

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "THAT revisions to Bylaw 61, Reports, be read for a first time."

Carried

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT revisions to Bylaw 61, Reports, be read for a second time."

Carried

Trustees agreed unanimously to move to a third reading.

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "THAT revisions to Bylaw 61, Reports, be read for a third time, passed and adopted."

Carried

f. Education Committee Notes - December 15, 2020

Trustee Girard shared the Education Committee notes.

- g. Operations Committee Notes - December 15, 2020
Trustee Haines reviewed the Operations Committee notes.
- h. Ad Hoc Equity Committee Notes - December 16, 2020
Vice-Chair Hampvent thanked District Principal Mahlman for her work developing the policy and thanked Student Trustee Grunenber for taking part in the committee.
- Moved:** Hampvent
Seconded: Ste. Marie
- MOTION:** "TO recommend the Anti-Racism policy, including revisions discussed at the meeting taking place on December 16, 2020, be brought forward to the board for adoption."

Carried

8. Correspondence

- a. Deputy Minister Krishna - Pedestrian Safety (Ref: 297026)

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "TO receive the correspondence"

Carried

9. Questions and Enquiries from the Public

- An email was received asking how the active transportation survey was going and if there were plans to extend the survey close date. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that over 400 responses had been received and that there were no plans to extend the timeline at the time of the meeting.
- An email was received asking if the Ad Hoc Honorarium Committee would be meeting in an open format. Secretary-Treasurer indicated that the meetings would take place in public, however the committee may move in camera if there are confidential items to review.
- An email was received asking for more information on the collection of art work that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick clarified that the set of prints is known as the *Salish Weave Collection* and includes prints from a variety of Coast Salish artists.
- An email was received asking what timelines were being considered for the ad hoc arts in schools and anti-poverty committees. Trustee Ste. Marie responded that it would be up to appointed members to those committees to determine timelines for meeting.

- An email was received indicating that families had yet to receive refunds from cancelled international travel that was scheduled to take place in March 2020. Chair Amaral reported that a letter was recently sent from the board to the insurance agencies involved to advocate on behalf of affected families. Superintendent Bocking indicated that the district continues to advocate for compensation to parents and students.

10. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on February 10, 2021.

a. Committee Agendas

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Carried

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Amanda Amaral - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer