



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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

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

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Draft School Calendar Review

Director Bishop shared a draft calendar for the 2021-22 school year. The draft calendar will be posted to the district website and shared with CUPE and SCTA for feedback. Director Bishop acknowledged an error in the colour coding of dates in August. A revised calendar will be brought back to the February Committee of the Whole, prior to adoption at the March Regular Board Meeting.

3. BCSTA Motions and Committees

Trustee Ste. Marie indicated that there were three motions being considered for the BCSTA AGM, on the topics of FSAs, mental health funding, and transportation/infrastructure improvements. The committee discussed and agreed to recommend a motion relating to mental health funding.

RECOMMENDATION: “TO submit a motion for BCSTA AGM to advocate at the provincial level to ask for health funding for BC school-age children be directed to school districts.”

Trustee Ste. Marie, Chair Amaral and Vice-Chair Hampvent agreed to further develop the motion and rationale prior to the February Regular Meeting.

4. Regulations for Review

a. 2140 - Visual Identity

Superintendent Bocking reported that the regulation had completed the circulation phase. During that time, a situation arose were a community

partner was unsure if they required permission to use the district logo on a document. The query prompted the addition of item E to the regulation (“Any public use of the School District 46 logo must have the approval of the district communications officer”.) Seeing no further discussion, the regulation shall come into force and effect following the February Regular Meeting.

5. Policy Review (standing item)

a. 62 - Committees Bylaw

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that staff was unable to determine a rationale for language relating to a “working session” in the board bylaw. The committee agreed to retain the language and did not recommend any changes to the bylaw.

b. 8 - Conflict of Interest

The committee reviewed the policy and, in light of recent events in another school district, discussed whether a board could remove a trustee should issues arise. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that a board may take steps to censure a trustee, should it be required, however understood that a board could not remove a duly elected trustee from their position.

RECOMMENDATION: “TO updated Policy 8 (Conflict of Interest) so as to avoid the use of binary language.”

c. Letters of Support (New)

Trustee Leech shared a draft policy with the committee. The committee suggested replacing the submission deadlines with a reference to the board’s meeting schedule and to reorder the check list. A revised draft will be brought forward to the February Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

6. Communication Plan (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking will discuss alternatives to the DSLT Spring Forum with the student leadership team.

A summary of feedback related to the preliminary budget will be shared at the February Operations Committee meeting.

7. Book Club

Trustees and senior staff will be reading the “*The Governance Core: School Boards, Superintendents, and Schools Working Together*” by Davis Campbell and Michael Fullan. The group will meet to discuss the introduction and part 1 of the book in early March, and again in late April/early May to discuss part 2.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.