

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 11:30 a.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 11:32 a.m.

2. District of Sechelt Housing Meeting

Trustee Ruth agreed to attend a meeting called by the District of Sechelt to address the housing emergency on the Sunshine Coast.

3. School Growth Plan Presentations

a. Davis Bay Elementary

Principal Ursula Hardwick reported on place based and experiential learning at Davis Bay Elementary. Principal Hardwick spoke to the benefits of spending time outdoors, especially during the covid pandemic, and shared ways in which teachers are grounding the curriculum and study in outdoor environments. Outdoor learning is taking place for all students at Davis Bay Elementary and is not limited to student in the district nature program.

b. Kinnikinnick Elementary

Principal Bernadette Marie reported on increased social emotional irregularities of students as they returned to school for the 2020-21 school year. The school is focusing on providing support for the social emotional needs of students and creating a sense of belonging for all students. Principal Marie shared a plan to schedule structured play time breaks to allow students to connect with adults during the course of the day. The program is known as Connect Attach Play (CAPs) and is being supported by teachers and educational assistants.

c. Roberts Creek Elementary

Due to technical issues, Principal Christa Rive was unable to provide a report. A report will be provided to a future Committee of the Whole.

3. School Calendar Recommendation

Director Bishop reported on changes to the draft calendar since it was presented to the committee at the January meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: "TO approve the 2021-22 School Calendar."

4. Policy Review (standing item)

a. Letters of Support (New)

The committee reviewed the revised draft and suggested removing item 4 ("The policy will be reviewed annually and adjusted, if necessary, for alignment to our strategic plan goals") from the draft.

RECOMMENDATION: "TO approve the Letters of Support policy."

b. Evaluation of District Administration (14)

Superintendent Bocking suggested repealing policy 14 (Evaluation of District Administration) and incorporating items from that policy in revisions to policy 10 (District Administration).

The committee reviewed the combined policy and suggested editing the to indicate that the evaluation criteria is publicly available. Superintendent Bocking agreed to bring a revised copy to the March Regular Meeting for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: "TO repeal policy 14 (Evaluation of District Administration) and update policy 10 (District Administration)."

c. Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (20)

Director Kerr reported on revisions to the policy, developed in consultation with the district SOGI lead, to update gender identification language and to include "mental health concerns" as a potential social consequence for individuals dealing with issues relating to gender identity.

RECOMMENDATION: "TO approve the updated Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy."

5. Regulations for Review

a. Regulation 2050 - Conflict of Interest

The committee reviewed the revised regulation. The committee suggested:

- combining IV C and D
- adding a reference to "social media use",
- using positive language wherever possible.

Superintendent Bocking agreed to bring forward an edited version to the March regular meeting to begin the circulation phase.

b. Regulation 2150 - Working Alone

Director Bishop reported that the new regulation outlines existing procedures for working alone at district sites. The committee reviewed the regulation and had no additional edits.

6. Communication Plan (standing item)

The committee requested:

- adding Food in schools to March Operations Committee.
- adding Transportation review to March Operations Committee.
- updating the May Education Matters to Trustee Ruth.
- adding Housing to the March Committee of the Whole.
- adding additional time to both the Operations Committee and Committee of the Whole in March.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.