

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Online via Zoom

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

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; N. Weswick, Secretary-
Treasurer; P. Bishop, Director of Instruction; K. Kerr, Director
of Instruction; S. Whittall, Manager of Finance; R. Collison,
Manager of Facilities and Transportation; P. Luporini, District
Principal of Technology; J. Shelemey, SCTA; S. Mackenzie,
CUPE 801; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording
Secretary)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Goal 3c – Partnerships

Superintendent Bocking reported on community partners that support the district, students, and staff. Director Bishop reported on the district's partnership with Capilano University KÁLAX-AY campus. Director Kerr reported on the district's partnership with the Restorative Justice Program of the Sunshine Coast and SHIFT Education.

A copy of the full presentation is available at <https://sd46.bc.ca/district-information/board-of-education-and-governance/board-meeting-schedule/>.

3. Enrolment Projections

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared district enrolment projections and clarified that the estimates are used to establish the funding estimates for the March 15 budget announcement. The district expects to see marginal enrollment increases over the next few years.

3. Preliminary Budget Considerations & Discussion

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reviewed preliminary considerations that were developed through consultations with stakeholders;

- Mental health supports for students and staff,

- Access to food in schools,
- Transportation review,
- Promoting inclusive education practices,
- Field improvements,
- Continuation of Covid supports,
- Increased Family Support Navigator hours,
- Professional learning opportunities on equity, inclusion and mental health,
- Continuation of staff well-being supports,
- Technology infrastructure and licenses,
- West Sechelt Expansion project,
- Daytime custodial staffing,
- Support for transitions to secondary and post-secondary,
- School maintenance,
- Vice-principals, learning coaches and/or helping teachers.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick noted that the province has provided direction that supports nutrition programs and food in schools. The provincial budget announcement will provide clarification.

The committee discussed food programs, staffing challenges for counselling positions, supports for social emotional programs, and potential board advocacy during the province's 2022 budget consultations.

Director Kerr agreed to update a report that described food programs in schools, to include financial reporting and overall impact. The report will be provided for discussion at the March Operations Committee meeting.

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4. Transportation Review

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick suggested four options for consideration as part of the transportation review. The district will collect data on the four options with the assistance of a consultant and report back to the committee at a future meeting.

The options for which data is being collected are:

- Option 1: Status quo.
- Option 2: In-catchment service only.
- Option 3: Improved services for eligible riders, while continuing to offer services to courtesy and CSF riders.
- Option 4: Overall improvements.

The district heard from a variety of sources that there is no appetite for large bell schedule changes. Any bell schedule change being considered in these four options would be less than 15 minutes.

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Other considerations presented were:

- Consideration of cost/benefit of taking bus services in house
- Potential catchment area changes to improve services
- Requests coming out of the Education Services Agreement
- Offering transportation assistance funds to difficult-to-serve families
- Supporting active travel initiatives

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick confirmed that the Transportation Grant amount for 2020-21 was \$380,465.

5. Regulations for Review

a. Reg. 4110 – Renovations

The committee reviewed minor edits to the regulation, changing references from “Material Safety Data Sheets” to “Safety Data Sheets”.

6. Local Government OCP and Zoning Referrals (standing item)

a. SCRD Notice of Application - 1057 Roberts Creek Road

The committee reviewed an application for a cannabis retail outlet at 1057 Roberts Creek Road. The committee noted that the proposed location was within the board’s requested 300m buffer between school sites and cannabis related operations.

RECOMMENDATION: “TO take additional action regarding the application for a non-medicinal cannabis retail store at 1057 Roberts Creek Road.”

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.