

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

Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

TRUSTEES: A. Amaral (Committee Chair), S. Girard, S. Haines,
S. Leech, M. Hampvent, R. 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 12:01 p.m.

2. School Growth Plan Presentations

a. Gibsons Elementary

Principal Deborah Luporini reported on school goals, including social emotional well-being and self-regulation, reading/literacy, and mathematics/literacy. Principal Luporini shared information on school wide assessments.

b. Pender Harbour Secondary

Principal Chris Lekakis reported on school goals, including mental health supports and re-connecting with students post-COVID closures. Principal Lekakis reported on food programs to support student nutrition, including both a breakfast and hot lunch program.

c. Sunshine Coast Alternative School

Principal Carolyn Spence reviewed the various alternative school programs, including SPIDER Distance Learning and Continuing Education programs. Staff are focusing on course completion to increase graduation rates and social emotional well-being. Michael Gabriel reported on supports to ensure that learners feel safe in their learning environment.

d. Chatelech Secondary School

Principal Mark Sauer, supported by students and educators Alison Liddicoat and Daniella Denora, reported on leadership initiatives, changes

to the delivery of the careers program, the “Choices” program, and developing a school wide culture of care.

3. Housing Needs

Trustee Ruth reported on her attendance at a regional Housing Committee meeting, spearheaded by the District of Sechelt. The committee, consisting of various community organizations and local governments, developed an action plan to help address the housing shortage on the Sunshine Coast.

Trustees discussed the call to action in general and discussed housing challenges for incoming staff and new teachers to the Sunshine Coast. Director Bishop reported on steps that the district takes to help provide housing information and support staff in making the transition to the Sunshine Coast.

4. Policy Review (standing item)

a. District Email (21)

The committee reviewed the policy and discussed email expectations. There were no changes suggested.

b. Access to Information (71)

The committee reviewed the policy and there were no changes suggested.

c. Debate (59)

The committee reviewed the policy and suggested revising item 59.4 to limit speakers to a three-minute time frame.

“59.4 No trustee shall speak for more than ~~three five~~ (35) minutes at one time.”

The committee discussed the definition of matters of privilege in item 59.5. The committee agreed to consider further revisions at the April Committee of the Whole.

5. Regulations for Review

a. Regulation 3080 - First Aid

Director Bishop shared the revised regulation and noted that the regulation’s purpose is two-fold, to fulfil mandates from Worksafe BC and provide information on the maintenance of first aid kits.

Director Bishop reported that all Educational Assistants and Child Care Workers are required to hold a first aid certification.

Additional language relating to AEDs will be added prior to circulation at the April Regular Meeting.

The committee discussed whether naloxone kits should be available at school sites. Director Bishop indicated that the kits were considered previously and were not deemed necessary at that time. The district is

contemplating reassessment of that decision in order to determine if the kits would be beneficial to school sites.

Director Bishop clarified that a separate process is followed in the event of a student injury. First aid kits are checked frequently for supplies and on a yearly basis for items with a limited shelf-life, such as alcohol swabs.

6. Communication Plan (standing item)

- Discussion regarding Board of Director candidates at April Regular Meeting
- Food in Schools to be added to the April Operations Committee agenda
- Debate (Bylaw 57) to be added to the April Committee of the Whole agenda
- Additional time to be added to the June Strategic Plan Review to consider next steps.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm