

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SD46Schools>

TRUSTEES: A. Amaral, Board Chair; M. Hampvent, Vice-Chair; S. Girard, Trustee; S. Haines, Trustee; S. Leech, Trustee; P. Ruth, Trustee; Tonya 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 7:01 pm.

Chair Amaral acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh and shíshálh Nations and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Celebrating Education: Earth Month Celebrations - J. Groves

Superintendent Bocking shared a video featuring Jenny Groves, a NEST teacher and Chair of the Environmental Education Action Committee. Ms. Groves shared some of the activities taking place in celebration of Earth Month. Students shared their involvement in Earth Month activities, including planting seeds, shoreline clean-up and invasive plant removal.

The video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2moQm-MPTiY>

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- A question was received by email to ask if the outdoor covered structures would be installed prior to the year end. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the district continues to wait on delivery of the structures and intends to install the structures upon delivery.
- A question was received by email to ask if the district intends to offer additional parent learning opportunities, similar to the Askable Adult sessions. Director Kerr reported that the district intends to continue to offer

such opportunities and noted that the Zoom platform has been valuable in providing access to more families.

- A question was received via email to ask how the district plans to recruit and retain custodial staff considering the rising rates of COVID variants. Director Bishop reported that a system is in place for training custodial staff and early planning is taking place for additional recruitment.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the agenda of April 14, 2021 be adopted."

Carried

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

a. Regular Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2021

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Haines

MOTION: "THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021, be approved."

Carried

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared two stories from the student writing anthology, Coastal Voices, and spoke to his written report with support from Directors Kerr and Bishop.

- Students in grades 8-12 participated in the Virtual Student Forum to discuss items with trustees and leadership staff,
- The district has been selected to pilot the Youth Development Instrument (YDI),
- The educational program *Out in Schools* is facilitating group discussion on issues of homophobia, transphobia, and bullying.
- Earth Month activities supported by the Environmental Action Committee, including a session with Naomi Klein for both staff and students.
- Staffing process are taking place for the 2021-22 school year.
- A working group, consisting of district staff, principals, union representatives and local shíshálh Nation representatives, is developing a learning vision to support equity and inclusion. Kevin Lamoureux is facilitating the process.

- Professional development opportunities took place on the April 12th professional day to continue learning in inclusive practices,
- The district is being highlighted on April 22 to share our experiences with the Middle Years Development Instrument.
- Updates to covid protocols that require all students in grades 4-12 to wear mask inside a school building,
- A new grant supports transitions from grade 7 to secondary school and allows students to participate in a seven-week program hosted in their secondary school.

Superintendent Bocking summarized shifts to principal and vice-principal placements for the 2021-22 school year. Principal Deborah Luporini has announced her retirement and will be replaced by Principal Christa Rive at Gibsons Elementary. Principal Lynda Brisebois will become the principal at Roberts Creek Elementary. Principal Sandra Magnussen will continue in a permanent role as principal at Madeira Park Elementary and Principal Glen Smith will become the principal at Halfmoon Bay Elementary.

b. Administrative Regulations in Circulation to June 23, 2021

1. Reg. 3080 - First Aid

Director Bishop reported that the regulation was discussed at the March 30 Committee of the Whole. Since that time, additional language was added to include procedures on the maintenance of AEDs and the availability of Naloxone kits. The regulation will circulate until June 23, 2021.

c. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

1. School Allocations

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on school allocation rates for the 2021-22 school year.

2. Initial Capital Plan Response

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared correspondence that confirms capital funding approval for the following School Enhancement Projects:

- Interior renovations at Kinnikinnick Elementary to address moisture issues and flooring
- HVAC and dust collector upgrades at Pender Harbour Secondary
- LED lighting upgrades at Elphinstone Secondary.

A second capital funding announcement is expected in May to confirm any projects funded under the Playground Enhancement Program.

3. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of March 2021

Trustees asked for clarification on funds to McGill University. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the funds were related to student scholarship awards.

Trustees asked for clarification on funds to Nurtrien AG Solutions. Secretary-Treasurer reported that the funds were for fertilizers for school fields to improve field quality.

4. Expenditures by Object - March 2021

The report included in the meeting package was based on February's expenditures in error. An expenditure report for March and April will be included in the May Regular Meeting agenda package.

d. Board Report

The report was submitted as written.

1. BCSTA Report

2. BCSTA AGM Motions

Trustee Ste. Marie reported that trustees have met to discuss motions being considered at the BCSTA AGM and shared information on the key note speakers. Trustees will be voting for 5 director positions and considering 42 separate motions, two of which were submitted by SD46:

- *Mental Health Funding for Counsellors in Schools*
That BCSTA advocate to the Ministries of Health, Mental Health and Addictions, and Children and Family Development to accelerate implementation of the Pathway to Hope integrated mental health and substance use care plan by increasing sustained and targeted funding for additional school and integrated counsellors to deliver mental health care in school settings.
- *Roots of Empathy Multi-Year Funding*
That BCSTA urge the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Children and Family Development to restore the multi-year funding to the BC Roots of Empathy organization to enable this evidence-based, province-wide, classroom-based, social emotional program to be delivered virtually (and in person, where possible) in school districts across the province as part of the BC Government's current Mental Health in Schools Strategy.

3. BCSTA Director Candidates

4. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Ruth reported that BCPSEA has re-elected chair, Alan Chell, and appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, Bruce Anderson. Trustee Ruth reported on her planned attendance at an upcoming BCPSEA sponsored seminar.

5. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Grunenberg reported that early student feedback on the virtual student forum has been positive. An anti-poverty survey has been developed and will be shared with students in two weeks' time. Secondary schools have created virtual welcome tours to share with grade seven students.

Trustees shared their appreciation for the virtual student forum and commended students for their facilitation skills and conscientious participation in the event.

- e. Committee of the Whole Notes - March 30, 2021

Chair Amaral briefly reviewed items discussed at the committee.

- f. Operations Committee Notes - March 30, 2021

Trustee Haines submitted the notes as written and briefly reviewed items discussed at the committee.

- g. Ad Hoc Art in Schools Policy Committee - March 31, 2021

Moved: Girard

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "FOR the board to establish, develop, and implement a policy that confirm and supports the development of a policy that confirms the importance and benefits of art in our public buildings to support for all sites in our district to create spaces, inside and outside, for permanent and temporary art installations."

Carried

- h. Ad Hoc Anti-Poverty Policy Committee - April 6, 2021

Trustee Ste. Marie reported on the draft policy developed by Director Kerr and indicated that the draft would be shared with stakeholder groups prior to a second review. Trustee Ste. Marie thanked Student Trustee Grunenberg for engaging students with an anti-poverty survey.

7. Correspondence

- a. Assistant Deputy Minister R. Bawa - Funding for Salary Increases for School District Excluded Staff (Ref. 244948)
- b. SCRD Chair L. Pratt - Gas Tax Revenues
- c. Minister M. Dean - Re: Selection Process for Integrated Child and Youth teams.

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO receive the correspondence."

Carried

8. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A question was received that asked if the district would consider a food budget to ensure equity for hungry students across the district. Chair Amaral responded that the board is considering how best to address those concerns. Superintendent Bocking acknowledged the work being done by community schools to provide food for students. A comprehensive report on funds being directed toward food in schools is included in the agenda package.

9. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on May 12, 2021.

a. Committee Agendas

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "TO extend the time of Committee of the Whole to end at 2:30 p.m. and start Education Committee at 3:00 p.m., and to approve the committee agendas."

Carried

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Amanda Amaral - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer