

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

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 12:00 p.m. Online via Zoom

TRUSTEES: A. Amaral (Committee Chair), 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; A. Liddicoat, SCTA; S. Mackenzie, CUPE 801;

E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: S. Girard, Trustee

# 1. Call to Order

Chair Amaral called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

# 2. School Growth Plan Presentations

a. Cedar Grove Elementary

Principal Olwen Cowen reported on activities at Cedar Grove Elementary that support their primary goals of literacy and self-regulation, including reorganizing the library into genres to encourage children to find joy in reading and developing sensory pathways in school hallways to allow for body breaks, among other items.

b. Halfmoon Bay Elementary

Principal Lynda Brisebois shared Halfmoon Bay's goals of improving student literacy and building strong relationships between students and staff. Classroom teachers are collaborating with librarians and counsellors to develop a common language and school wide themes to build connections across the school.

c. Langdale Elementary

Principal Duncan Knight shared a video featuring Langdale Elementary students reflecting on their school projects and describing their creative processes.

#### 3. <u>Intergovernmental Meeting</u>

The committee discussed themes and agenda topics for the upcoming, school district hosted, intergovernmental meeting. The committee suggested developing an agenda with specific discussion groups on key topics, with a lens on supports for children, youth and their families. Superintendent Bocking will survey trustees on discussion topics and prepare a draft agenda based on trustee feedback. Trustees agreed to facilitate the breakout discussion groups.

The meeting is scheduled for May 11 from 6-8 pm.

### 4. Policy Review (standing item)

#### a. Debate (57)

The committee reviewed the policy and recommended moving forward with the revised time limit to a three-minute time frame.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** "TO adopt the revisions to Debate Bylaw (57)"

#### b. Environmental Sustainability (17)

The committee reviewed the policy. There were no edits suggested.

# 5. Regulations for Review

# a. Reg. 3190 - Scent Considerate Environment

Director Bishop reported on updates and noted that the changes will be reviewed with site based and district health and safety committees during the circulation phase.

#### 6. Communication Plan (standing item)

The committee reviewed the communication plan and discussed the strategic plan review process.

Superintendent Bocking reported that, due to the public health order preventing gatherings, bursary donors are being recognized with letters of appreciation in lieu of the Bursary Tea event, employee service recognition is taking place at the school level with tokens of appreciation, and staff retirements are being acknowledged with personal visits and tokens of appreciation.

An intergovernmental meeting debrief will be added to the June Committee of the Whole.

An update on the Food Review Committee will be added to May or June Operations Committee.

Chair Amaral provided an update on the Superintendent hiring process and indicated that short-listing will be taking place shortly. Stakeholders will be invited to take part in session with shortlisted candidates.

Graduation ceremonies will be filmed in May and streamed in June.

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# 7. <u>Debrief of Student Forum</u>

The committee discussed the student forum and noted that all trustees were in attendance. Trustees reflected on discussion that took place in the breakout groups and reported on concerns raised on student mental health and equity issues. Superintendent Bocking reported that issues raised in the student forum help to inform district decisions, in concert with data collected through other means. Trustees asked how the district intends to follow up to support students who raised issues of concern at the forum. Superintendent Bocking reported that the educational leadership team will follow up on those discussions. Chair Amaral suggested the debrief continue at the May Committee of the Whole.

# 8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.