

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

Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

TRUSTEES: M. Hampvent (Committee Chair), A. Amaral, S. Leech,
P. Ruth, S. Haines, S. Girard

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent; P. Bishop, Director of
Instruction; K. Kerr, Director of Instruction; A. Liddicoat,
SCTA; S. Mackenzie, CUPE 801; J. Kowalczyk, Education
Director, shíshálh Nation; E. Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: S. Girard, Trustee

1. Call to Order

Trustee Hampvent chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Goal 1.i – Care of our Planet

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the district's environmental action plan and shared staff resources that support environmental education. Superintendent Bocking introduced a video "A Message From the Future With Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9uTH0iprVQ>) that was recently shared with staff and students during a session with Naomi Klein. Superintendent Bocking demonstrated the district built E3 map, which is an interactive map that provides information and lesson ideas on local hikes, trails and other environmental activities. The committee discussed the need to remain sensitive when reporting on climate concerns to young children and ensuring that there is a reasonable level of knowledge at the appropriate developmental stage.

3. Goal 3.e – Environmental Initiatives

Manger of Facilities and Transportation, Rob Collison, reported on recent and upcoming environmental initiatives, including:

- Installation of a 100 kW photovoltaic solar array at Gibsons Elementary School and 6 level 2 electric vehicle chargers,
- Replacement of 19 gas fired rooftop HVAC units with electric heat pumps with new controls,

- Replacement of 7 classroom ventilation units with new, more efficient units with better controls,
- Installation of 100 kW photovoltaic solar array at Halfmoon Bay Elementary and 2 level 2 electric vehicle chargers (in progress),
- Installation of 100 kW photovoltaic solar array at Kinnikinnick Elementary and 2 level 2 electric vehicle chargers (in progress),
- Complete interior LED lighting retrofit at Elphinstone Secondary (going to tender)

Mr. Collison provided an update on the Energy Matters program and reported that participation has tripled since the program's inception. The program has been temporarily suspended during the pandemic. Staff have used this time to develop additional materials to support the program and to prepare for the 2021-22 school year.

Site preparation has been completed for outdoor shelters at schools. A concrete slab and footings are complete at Langdale Elementary. Construction will commence once delivery has been received.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.