



## SCHOOL DISTRICT 46 - SUNSHINE COAST

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## SD46 ANNOUNCES ED LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

SUNSHINE COAST, BRITISH COLUMBIA – School District 46 (SD46) is pleased to share updates of principal assignments for the upcoming school year.

The changes for next year are:

- Lynda Brisebois will be principal at Gibsons Elementary;
- Duncan Knight will be principal at Roberts Creek Elementary; and
- Jenny Groves will be principal at Langdale Elementary.



Lynda Brisebois' teaching career began in Merritt and Nelson, B.C., before moving to the Sunshine Coast with her family in 2008. Here, she has taught at West Sechelt, Kinnikinnick, and Halfmoon Bay Elementary. She became principal at Madeira Park temporarily and then Halfmoon Bay Elementary for the last seven years. Brisebois commented, "I am delighted and honoured to be joining the incredible team of dedicated staff, students and families at Gibsons Elementary! I look forward to learning alongside this amazing community."



Duncan Knight taught in the West Vancouver school district for over fifteen years at the upper intermediate level. He has been principal at Langdale Elementary since 2016 when he moved to the Sunshine Coast with his family. Knight commented, "It has been a privilege working with the amazing staff and community at Langdale. I couldn't have imagined a more supportive environment and am truly grateful for the experience! It is exciting and humbling to be moving to Roberts Creek Elementary. I am looking forward to meeting all students, staff and families, as well as being part of a community with such a vibrant, creative culture of learning."



Jenny Groves has been an educator in alternative and public education for the past 20 years. She has worked for SD46 for 15 years and in the nature-based NEST program at Davis Bay since its inception in 2013. Groves and her family moved to the Coast in 2005. She was drawn to the Coast for its proximity to nature, the mountains, ocean and its unique small community feel. She has a deep love and respect for the community, culture and natural landscape here on the traditional and unceded territories of the shíshálh and

Skwxwú7mesh people. Groves has also been educating teachers through SFU in their graduate programs and is completing her Master's in Education in Sustainability, Creativity and Innovation at Cape Breton University. Groves commented, "I am both honoured and excited to be a part of the Langdale Elementary community next year. I look forward to working and learning with the staff, students and families!"

Superintendent Patrick Bocking commented, "I am thrilled for the Langdale, Gibsons, and Roberts Creek school communities who will benefit from the superb leadership of these individuals. The Board and I are proud of the excellent leadership and support that our entire educational leadership team provides our students, staff and community."

#### ED LEADERSHIP TEAM: 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent of Schools.....	Kate Kerr
Director of Instruction for Human Resources & Secondary Programs.....	Paul Bishop
Director of Instruction for Inclusive Education.....	Christa Rive
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Nic Weswick
District Principal, Indigenous Learning.....	Kerry Mahlman
District Principal, Technology and Data Integration.....	Phil Loporini
District Principal, Learning and Innovation.....	Kirsten Deasey
Cedar Grove Elementary Principal.....	Olwen Cowan
Davis Bay Elementary Principal.....	Ursula Hardwick
Gibsons Elementary Principal.....	Lynda Brisebois
Halfmoon Bay Elementary Principal.....	Glen Smith
Kinnikinnick Elementary Principal.....	Bernadette Marie
Langdale Elementary Principal.....	Jenny Groves
Madeira Park Elementary Principal.....	Sandy Magnussen
Roberts Creek Elementary Principal.....	Duncan Knight
West Sechelt Elementary Principal.....	Jeff Marshall
Chatelech Secondary.....	Mark Sauer (PR), Rae-dene Pednaud (VP)
Elphinstone Secondary.....	John Brisebois (PR), Sue Bailey (VP)
Pender Harbour Secondary Principal.....	Chris Lekakis
Sunshine Coast Alternative School Principal.....	Carolyn Spence

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