

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS TRUSTEES REPORT – NOVEMBER 2023

Submitted as written by Vice-Chair Stacia Leech
November 3, 2023

Board and PAC Executive Session

On Thursday November 2 at 5:00 p.m. Trustees, PAC and DPAC representatives gathered for a joint session 'Compassionate Systems Leadership Tools for working with your PAC in collaboration with your local Board of Education'. Board Chair Amanda Amaral, presented information about the role and structure of the Board and described a process for PAC engagement with the Board that will be most effective.

The second part of the session was focused on Compassionate Systems Leadership (CSL). Facilitator Caroline Picard led us through exercises that illustrated the benefits of using CSL tools for change. The three Core elements of Compassionate System Leadership are to support system change and well being - Internal work, Relationship Work and Systems Work. The CSL model is woven into our district in many ways and this winter and early spring all Sunshine Coast School District staff are invited to training sessions scheduled on Pro D days.

Strategic Plan

There was good parent response to the District Wide Survey seeking feedback on the Board's revised Vision, Mission and Values. The revised statements resonated with the majority of responses. We are now tweaking these statements based on the feedback received. Next steps for the Strategic Plan process are the Goals; in the next few months Trustees will be supporting that work in collaboration with staff, community, parents and partners.

Policy Review

An important part of Board work is the creation and review of SD46 policies. The Role of the Trustee, including a Code of Conduct, has been our focus at the last few Committee of the Whole meetings, the final version will be presented for approval at the November 8 Regular Board meeting. You can view the final version in the November 8 regular Board meeting agenda package on the SD46 website.

Child Care

SD46 Board of Education continues to advocate for sustainable funding to support infrastructure capacity required to coordinate Child Care initiatives in school districts. A motion coming to the board table in November proposes that the South Coast Branch of the BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) present a motion at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting, to advocate on behalf of the 60 school districts, with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, for per pupil funding to support this work.

By-Election

Candidate nominations for the By-election in TEA 1 (Trustee Electoral Area) Upper Sunshine Coast, opened on October 24 and closed at 4:00 p.m. on Friday November 3. On Monday October 30, the Board hosted a candidate orientation session.

Declaration of Election by Voting or Declaration of Election by Acclamation will be called by the Chief Election Officer on Tuesday November 14 at 4:00 p.m. If an election by voting is called, general voting day will take place on Saturday December 9. Information regarding advance voting, mail in voting and polling station locations (Halfmoon Bay and Madeira Park) will be published on the school district website and in the local media.

Board Evaluation Process

A follow up session to our January 2023 working session is planned for early 2024. We will be reviewing the results and exploring options for moving forward in the evaluation process.

Electric Buses

Last June, SD46 submitted an application to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for funds to purchase two electric school buses. We are delighted to report that the funding has been approved. Planning is underway to install a charging station at our maintenance site. You can view the complete Minor Capital Submission Summary in the June 2023 Operations Meeting agenda package.

Next Public Board Meeting

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings. The next public Board Meeting will take place on **November 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** Meetings are held in person at the School Board Office, 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons and live streamed to YouTube.

- Link to Board meeting schedule: [Schedule of Meetings](#)
- Link to SD46 YouTube live stream: [SD46 YouTube Live Stream](#)

Board Committee meetings are scheduled for **November 28, 2023** at the School Board Office.