



DPAC

District Parent Advisory Council
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

AGENDA

Date: October 23, 2025 | Time: 7pm

Location: Chatelech Secondary, Library 594 Cowrie St, Sechelt Microsoft Teams.

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**Meeting ID: 281 918 103 40 Passcode: ge93dm. Dial in by phone [+1 647-794-5938](#)
conference ID: 221 019 3#**

7:00 PM Greetings, Introductions + Land Acknowledgement

7:05 PM Approvals:

- September 25th, 2025, Meeting minutes (*please see [attachment](#)*)
- October 23rd, 2025, Agenda

7:07 PM **Guest Presenter - TBA**

7:13 PM Q&A

7:30 PM Regular reports:

- Chair report
- Treasurer report

7:45 PM Board reports

- Trustee report
- Superintendent's Report: Submitted as written

8:00 PM **DPAC Executive Election**
Nomination:
Chair – Tamara Hedden
VP – vacant
Treasurer – vacant
Secretary – Miyuki Shinkai
Director- at-Large – Jana Curll, Riss Fischer
Scott Davis (past president)
Committee reports:

- Healthy Schools
- Family Engagement
- Active School Travel
- Education, Operations, Committee of the whole - 4th Tues of the month

8:20 PM Upcoming Events & PAC Sharing

8:30 PM Adjournment

Next meeting: November 27th @TBA and hybrid Microsoft Teams

SD46 + DPAC/PAC Forum on November 20th 5pm @ Blue Ocean Golf Course in Sechelt
(poster below)



SD46SC + D(PACs) Event

Effective Meetings, Collaborative Work, & Compassionate Systems Leadership



20th November, 2025
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

You are invited!

All Sunshine Coast School District
PAC Chairs, Vice-Chairs (or two
designates), DPAC Executives,
Principals and Trustees are invited to
join this connecting event.

RSVP NOW!

Registration Deadline is November 12, 9 am

About the Event

Where? Blue Ocean Golf Course,
6177 Ripple Way, Sechelt, V7Z 0R2

What? In collaboration with your local
Board of Education and facilitated by
Caroline Picard, we will dive deeper
into how to run a meeting and build
engagement through a compassionate
systems lens, including how to work
collaboratively with your Board of
Education.

Details: A dinner buffet will be served.

RsVP ~



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Questions? Contact communications@sd46.bc.ca or 604-886-4489



REPORT TO DPAC
SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

Superintendent's Report
Submitted by Superintendent Kate Kerr
October 2025

This report highlights key updates and events from the past month, all grounded in our core values of **learning, belonging, integrity, and equity**.

Honourary Graduation Ceremony

On September 17, the Sunshine Coast Board of Education, in partnership with shíshálh Nation and Syiyaya, held an historic ceremony for Survivors of the Sechelt/St. Augustine's Residential School and Day Scholars, presenting them with an Honourary Certificate of Graduation in recognition of life experiences as equivalent to secondary school completion.

To the graduates: we see you, we celebrate you, and we hold you up. Education must never again be used as a tool of harm. It must be a path of Truth and Reconciliation and a place of belonging, where every learner is recognized and valued for who they are.

We express deep gratitude to shíshálh Nation, to Syiyaya, and to all who made this ceremony possible. A special thank you to the district's Ensouling our Schools Working Group whose members provided service on this day. May we continue to walk together, rooted in truth, lifted by hope, and bound by respect.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

The district joined shíshálh Nation in marking the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, honouring Survivors of residential schools, the children who never returned home, and their families. We are grateful to the district's Ensouling our Schools Working Group whose members provided service on this day. As shíshálh Nation reminds us, "By gathering, listening, and walking together, we continue the hard but necessary journey of truth, healing, and reconciliation. This work does not end today. Reconciliation is a daily responsibility, one rooted in truth, respect, and action."

All schools in the Sunshine Coast School District raised the *Every Child Matters* flag, while the Survivors flag was displayed at the School Board Office and Heritage Building throughout Truth and Reconciliation Week. Schools held assemblies and learning opportunities that invited students to reflect on the importance of the day.

In partnership with shíshálh Nation and SIYAYA, every school received 253 wooden hearts carved by Frank Dixon. Students painted the hearts with messages of love, support, healing, inspiration, and hope before they were displayed along the Orange Shirt Day march route on September 30th. Additionally, 53 hearts were specially prepared to represent the First Nations communities whose children attended St. Augustine's Indian

Residential School in Sechelt. Shain Jackson engraved each community's name, creating a powerful resource for teaching and annual commemoration.

Welcoming School Events

Throughout September, PACs and staff hosted a variety of welcoming events that brought students, families, and staff together. These gatherings created joyful opportunities to connect and reconnect, strengthening school communities as the year began.

Connecting Communities

This September, our annual Connecting Communities once again brought together a vibrant tapestry of support and engagement at Chatelech Secondary and Elphinstone Secondary. Over the span of four days, students engaged with a diverse group of community partners including: Foundry, SCYP (Youth Mental Health and Substance Use), shíshálh Nation, Child and Youth Mental Health, Division of Family Practice (Docs in Schools), SD46 SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity), VCH Tobacco/Vapour Reduction, VCH PHN (Public Health Nurses), and the Restorative Justice Program of the Sunshine Coast.

The event's success reflects our shared commitment to nurturing an environment where youth feel a strong sense of belonging and understand the extensive network of support available to them. The original conception spans from the Healthy Schools Committee which was instrumental in shaping this event, highlighting the importance of direct community involvement in our schools.

Foundry Celebration "We've Got a Spot!"

The district celebrated its partnership with Sunshine Coast Foundry during the recent "We've Got a Spot" event held in September at the Foundry's future location. This gathering showcased the spirit of community and collaborative commitment to supporting our youth. The centre will provide young people ages 12 to 24 with access to mental and physical health care, peer support, and education and employment services. Until the new site opens, youth and families can continue to access services through the Foundry BC app.

District Elementary Sports: Cross Country Season

The elementary sports season began with district-wide cross country meets, starting at Cliff Gilker Park, followed by Davis Bay Elementary, and concluding at Gibsons Elementary. These events brought students together for a positive and energetic start to the year.

Terry Fox Runs

Schools across the district once again participated in Terry Fox Runs, raising funds in support of cancer research. This year's theme, *Try Like Terry*, reminded us of Terry's extraordinary courage and determination. While Terry began the Marathon of Hope, together we carry it forward in his honour.

Kindergarten Fall Picnic

We were delighted to welcome Kindergarten families to the Sunshine Coast Literacy Coalition's Forest Picnic at the Botanical Garden. A special highlight of the afternoon was

hearing *I Hear You, Forest* read aloud by its author, Kallie George. Families gathered to celebrate reading, nature, and community — a wonderful way to begin the school year together!

Early Dismissal Days

This week, schools across the district are holding informal learning updates and family conferences in both elementary and secondary settings. Early dismissal days continue to align with the provincial reporting order, ensuring that families have meaningful opportunities to connect with teachers prior to formal Written Learning Updates. Each school will dismiss students one hour earlier, providing dedicated time for teachers and families to engage in conversations that strengthen learning partnerships.

Staff Appreciation Day

On Monday, October 6, we celebrated the incredible staff who make Sunshine Coast Schools such a special place for students and families. This recognition coincides with National Principals' Month, International Custodian Day (October 2), and World Teachers' Day (October 5). We extend heartfelt thanks to all staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to our students and community.