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**SD46 ANNOUNCES EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS  
FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

SUNSHINE COAST, BRITISH COLUMBIA – We are pleased to share with you the principal, vice-principal and district position assignments for the 2021-2022 school year.

The changes for next year are:

- **Christa Rive, currently principal at Roberts Creek Elementary, will be principal at Gibsons Elementary following the retirement of Deborah Luporini.**
- **Lynda Brisebois, currently principal at Halfmoon Bay Elementary, will be principal at Roberts Creek Elementary.**
- **Glen Smith, currently principal at Madeira Park Elementary, will be principal at Halfmoon Bay Elementary.**
- **Sandy Magnussen, currently Inclusion Technology Coordinator and acting principal at Madeira Park Elementary, will be principal at Madeira Park Elementary.**



**Christa Rive** has been the principal of Roberts Creek Elementary for eight years, along with SPIDER K-6 for four years. Prior to becoming a principal, Ms. Rive taught students K-12 in a variety of capacities: Humanities and Alternative Education in North Vancouver, and twelve years as an Inclusion Education teacher at Halfmoon Bay, West Sechelt, and Kinnikinnick Elementary. Christa has lived in Halfmoon Bay with her family for the past twenty-five years and has raised her children here on the spectacular Sunshine Coast. Ms. Rive commented, “It has been an honour and a privilege to work with the incredible team and wonderful students and families at Roberts Creek

Elementary and SPIDER K-6. I am delighted to have the opportunity to join the amazing team at Gibsons Elementary and really look forward to getting to know the students, staff, and families of the Gibsons’ community.



This summer marks the conclusion of **Deborah Luporini’s** thirty-fifth year in education, including the last ten years at Gibsons Elementary. The majority of her career has been working in the Sunshine Coast school district at all levels of leadership. Her personal theme of making a positive difference in the lives of children tomorrow, has always been what she has focused on no matter where she has worked. Ms. Luporini commented, “I have been privileged to have been part of a school rebuild team which will leave a legacy for learning here in the Town of Gibsons. I have raised four children on the Sunshine Coast with my husband Phil, and all four have graduated from this district and gone on to

pursue their individual post-secondary aspirations. My personal theme will be taking a slight shift as I pursue the next chapter in my educational career, supporting teacher candidates, and formal and informal leaders in education at the post-secondary level.”



**Lynda Brisebois'** teaching career began in Merritt and Nelson, B.C., before moving to the beautiful 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. Ms. Brisebois commented, "It has been such an incredibly rewarding experience to have served as principal at Halfmoon Bay. Working and learning with such amazing students, dedicated staff and welcoming families has inspired me on a daily basis. Although I will miss Halfmoon Bay with all my heart, I am truly looking forward to this new chapter in my career by joining the dynamic community at Roberts Creek Elementary! It will be a privilege to continue the commitment of inspiring all students to thrive in their learning, to be caring citizens and to be their best self."



**Glen Smith** has been an educator for thirty years with School District 46 - Sunshine Coast. For the last five years, Mr. Smith has been a principal at Madeira Park Elementary. Mr. Smith commented, "It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated team at Madeira Park Elementary School. Thank you to all the staff members, students, families, and community members that I have engaged with over the past six years in the Pender area. I will cherish the special memories and time that we spent together. It is an honour to be appointed principal of Halfmoon Bay Elementary School for 2021/22. I am thrilled to work with such a vibrant learning community and I look forward to building many new educational relationships in the years to come!"



**Sandy Magnussen** has been with SD46 for over twenty-five years, working as a classroom teacher and in Inclusion Support. For the past ten years she has been in the role of Inclusion Technology Coordinator, supporting students throughout the coast schools to use technology to increase access and engagement with the curriculum. Sandy loves the Sunshine Coast and with her husband Eric, has raised her family here. She enjoys hiking and running with her dog on the trails, kayaking, and reading! Ms. Magnussen commented, "I am excited to integrate my skills in my new leadership role as the principal of Madeira Park School, and feel fortunate to be able to work in such a beautiful and supportive community."

Superintendent Patrick Bocking thanks the current directors, principals and vice principals for their continuous care and dedication. "The Board and I are proud of the superb leadership and support that our educational leadership team provides our students, staff and community. We will all miss the committed, caring and professional leadership that Deborah Luporini brings to all work. We wish her all the best in her retirement."

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

Superintendent of Schools .....	To Be Announced
Director of Instruction for Human Resources & Secondary Programs .....	Paul Bishop
Director of Instruction for Inclusive Education .....	Kate Kerr
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Nic Weswick
District Principal, Indigenous Learning .....	Kerry Mahlman
District Principal, Technology and Data Integration.....	Phil Luporini
District Principal, Learning and Innovation .....	Kirsten Deasey
Cedar Grove Elementary Principal .....	Olwen Cowan
Davis Bay Elementary Principal .....	Ursula Hardwick
Gibsons Elementary Principal.....	Christa Rive
Halfmoon Bay Elementary Principal .....	Glen Smith
Kinnikinnick Elementary Principal.....	Bernadette Marie
Langdale Elementary Principal.....	Duncan Knight
Madeira Park Elementary Principal.....	Sandy Magnussen
Roberts Creek Elementary Principal.....	Lynda Brisebois
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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