



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on May 27, 2015 at 1:00 pm

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband, Chair; Pammila Ruth; Lori Dixon; Greg Russell

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent; Carolyn Spence, Principal; Kerry Mahlman, District Principal; Allen Stevenson, DPAC; Lenora Joe, Sechelt Indian Band; David Barnum, District Co-ordinator; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Betty Baxter, Trustee; Vanessa White, District Principal

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. Curriculum

District Coordinator, David Barnum, shared information on the new curriculum changes, providing information on the concepts of core competencies and learning environments.

The following resources were shared with the group:

- B.C.'s Education Plan: http://www.bcedplan.ca/assets/pdf/bcs_education_plan_2015.pdf
- Educational Transformation in BC – Science Presentation: <http://www.bcscta.ca/Elem2014resources/k-7%20Science%20Presentation%20-%20Feb%202014.pdf>
- Canadian Education Association – From Vision to Action: http://www.cea-ace.ca/sites/cea-ace.ca/files/cea_action_to_vision_report_final_en.pdf

The committee discussed planning for the transition to the new curriculum and the inherent challenges in changing an educational system.

2. Aboriginal Education

Kerry Mahlman, District Principal, and Lenora Joe, Director of Education for the Sechelt Indian Band, provided an update on aboriginal education in the school district.

A sháshísháhl language course is being offered to grade 11/12 students and is part of a fully accredited language and culture course being offered in partnership with Capilano University, SD46 and the Sechelt Indian Band. There is significant student interest in registration for next year's course.

The committee discussed the changes in aboriginal education over the years and celebrated the many changes that have taken place during that time. Additionally, Lenora Joe reported that several band members are taking the full-time educational assistant course being offered at Capilano University in order to create a pool of first nations educational assistants on the Sunshine Coast.

3. Parent Engagement

The committee discussed parent involvement at board committees. Trustees continue to report to PACs in order to collect and disseminate information from the board. A suggestion was made that public school board meetings be mentioned in school newsletters to encourage parent participation.

Trustee Dixon shared a request from Kinnikinnick Elementary School PAC for aboriginal education programs for parents and suggested that information on canoe protocols could be of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 24th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the School Board Office.

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