



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
At the School Board Office – Gibsons, BC

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband, Chair; Greg Russell, Betty Baxter
STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Greg Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick, Vanessa White, District Principal; Phil Luporini, District Principal; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary; Carolyn Smith, Marnie Baba, Sharon MacKenzie

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Carolyn Spence, Principal; Louise Herle; Lee-Ann Ennis

Called to order at 1:00 pm

1. Achievement Contract

Superintendent Bocking spoke to the *2014-2017 Achievement Contract* provided in the meeting package and noted that the contract had been submitted to the Ministry in draft format, as the reporting timelines did not allow for board approval prior to submission. He further clarified that if approval is not received from the board at the October meeting, the contract would be resubmitted as necessary.

The 2014-2017 Achievement Contract summarizes the district's goals to support students in learning, provides data on past trends and summarizes plans to achieve those goals.

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the contract with committee members:

- *Early Learning:* To improve the literacy levels of incoming Kindergarten students.
- *Literacy:* To ensure that every student reads at his or her grade level.
- *Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement:* To increase the number of opportunities for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students engage in culturally based learning; and to increase the number of Aboriginal students graduating and transitioning to post-secondary, trades and training programs.
- *Social Responsibility:* To ensure all students feel welcome and safe in their school.
- *Completion Rates:* To improve the completion rates for all our students.

A suggestion was made to consider including simple information that describes the tools used to measure success for reading levels. Committee members engaged in a discussion.

Recommendation:

“That the Board of Education of School District No. 46 approve the *2014-2017 Achievement Contract* at the October Regular Board Meeting.”

2. Draft Regulation – Student Leadership

The committee reviewed the draft regulation and the following suggestions were made:

- Include a timeline for the student trustee to be appointed to the board.
- Consider rewording in order to clarify that the student trustee should attend all regular board meetings, however is not required to attend public committee meetings.

It was noted that trustees appreciated the opportunity to interact with students from all secondary schools at the Student Forum, which the District Student Leadership Team organized in the previous school year.

3. Technology Plan (presentation)

District Principal Phil Luporini provided a report and indicated that:

- Wireless network have been updated with new access points at all sites. Adjustments are made throughout the year to ensure students and staff are able to access wireless services throughout school sites.
- Destiny Library and electronic books will be available this year.
- The regulation outlining appropriate use of the Internet is now an official regulation (Regulation 1600). Staff continue to work to keep students informed regarding Internet safety.
- iPad software and security software are constantly changing and security applications continue to improve.
- Open source software is considered on an individual basis.
- Training and technology support to staff continues. Staff were surveyed to assess technology needs and 200 responses were received. The Technology Planning Committee will review the survey results.
- A website is being developed to provide additional information and resources for technology within the school district.

The committee discussed the website and provided suggestions for additional resources.

4. Parent Engagement

The next District Parents' Advisory Council (DPAC) meeting is scheduled for October 30th at Chatelech Secondary School. Parents are encouraged to attend school PAC meetings and DPAC meetings. Parents are also encouraged to follow the School District and DPAC on Facebook for current information. David Barnum will be working to help assess the district's needs with a view to enhance and promote parent engagement. Trustees noted that parent coffee gatherings that take place in at least two elementary schools are examples of an effective approach in engaging parents who might not otherwise be able to attend PAC meetings.

Adjourned at 2:30 pm

Next meeting: October 22, 2014 at the School Board Office