



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on March 30th, 2016 from 1:00-2:30 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband (Chair), Betty Baxter

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Carolyn Spence, Principal; Louise Herle, SCTA; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Pammila Ruth, Trustee; Greg Russell Trustee; Lenora Joe, Director of Education, Sechelt Nation

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

1. Strategic Plan: Goal 3.g. Capilano University

Our district will deepen our partnership with Capilano University and further our connections with other post-secondary institutions.

Director Bishop reported that he and Superintendent Bocking recently met with Julia Denholm, the new Dean of the Sunshine Coast campus of Capilano University, and that both parties share a willingness to create further connections. Capilano University, in partnership with both the school district and the Sechelt Indian Band, offered an Educational Assistant program from the local campus. A total of 14 students successfully completed the program. The district's aboriginal education program is currently working on a student leadership program, "Youth for Change", in collaboration with Capilano University. In that program, students are working together to plan a day activity in late April or early May.

Director Bishop indicated that he has met with the Dean of Trades at Vancouver Island University to discuss ACE-it programs and other opportunities. The district also welcomes visits from staff and students from Nicola Valley Institute to provide transitional support to students considering post-secondary education.

The principal at Elphinstone Secondary School, John Brisebois, is working with district staff towards offering an English 100 course to students that would fulfill a university credit upon successful completion. SCTA president, Louise Herle, shared concerns that the course could limit other opportunities for learning currently offered in schools. Other committee members spoke in favour of the potential course offering.

2. Strategic Plan: Goal 1.e. Mental and Physical Health

Our students will be supported in learning skills and awareness to manage their mental and physical health.

Director White shared information on a two-day accredited Mental Health First Aid course offered through district services to adults who interact with youth. The course material looks at substance abuse, mental health first aid for crisis, mood disorders, anxiety disorder, eating

disorders and psychosis. The course provides participants with a skill base to provide immediate support to youth facing mental health issues until professional treatment is available. Director White is a certified trainer for the course developed by Mental Health Commission of Canada. Approximately 90 staff and community members have benefited from the course being offered on the coast over the past two years. The committee discussed the benefits of the course and other mainstream mental health initiatives.

3. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

As reported at previous meetings, B.C. school districts have been tasked with developing their own framework to report on student achievement. Superintendent Bocking shared the district's plan for a multi-year plan with a system wide focus, which involves both a district reporting cycle and a school planning cycle as described in the attached charts.

The committee recommended that the board support the proposed framework.

RECOMMENDATION:

“To support the framework as presented by Superintendent Bocking.”

4. Curriculum (standing item)

The committee discussed the success of the recent non-instructional day, which took place on March 29, 2016 to support teachers with the new curriculum. Comments were shared that district teachers are concerned about classroom resources and have suggested a resource centre.

5. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking reported that a pamphlet is being created to provide general information to new families about the school district and will include information on frequently asked questions, such as how to transfer schools. The Parent Teacher committee will be asked to review and provide feedback on the pamphlet

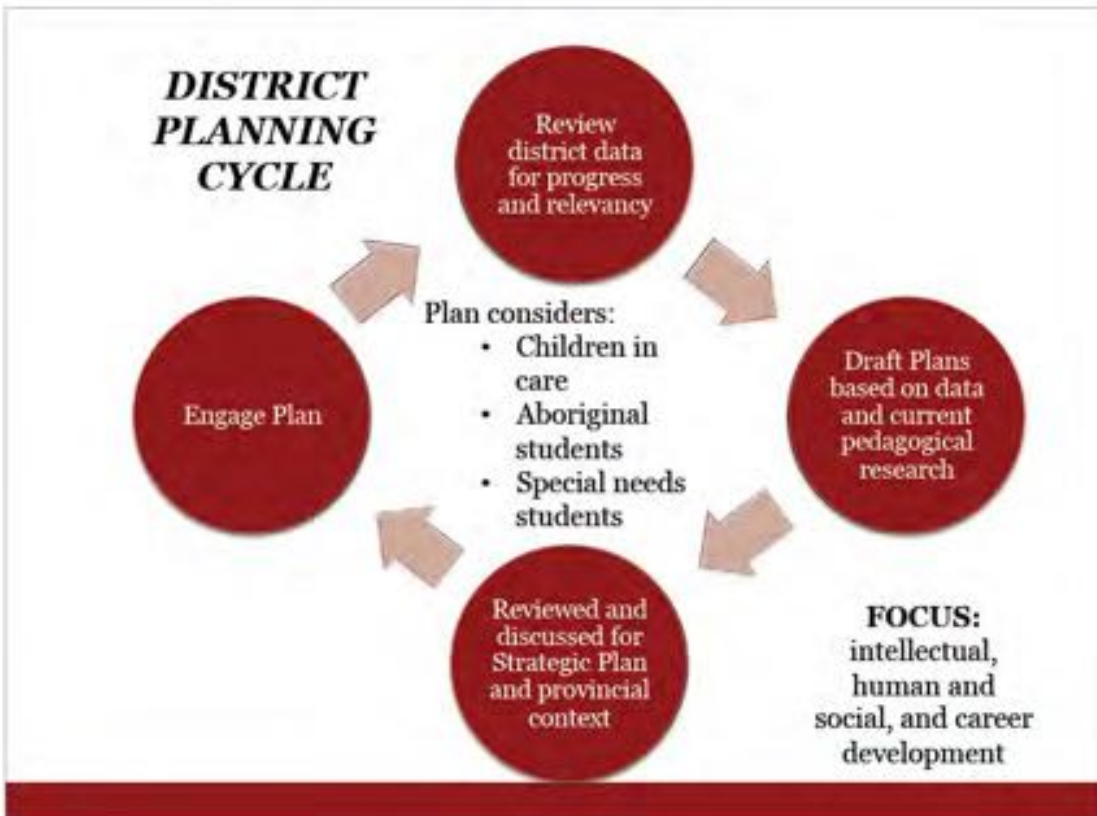
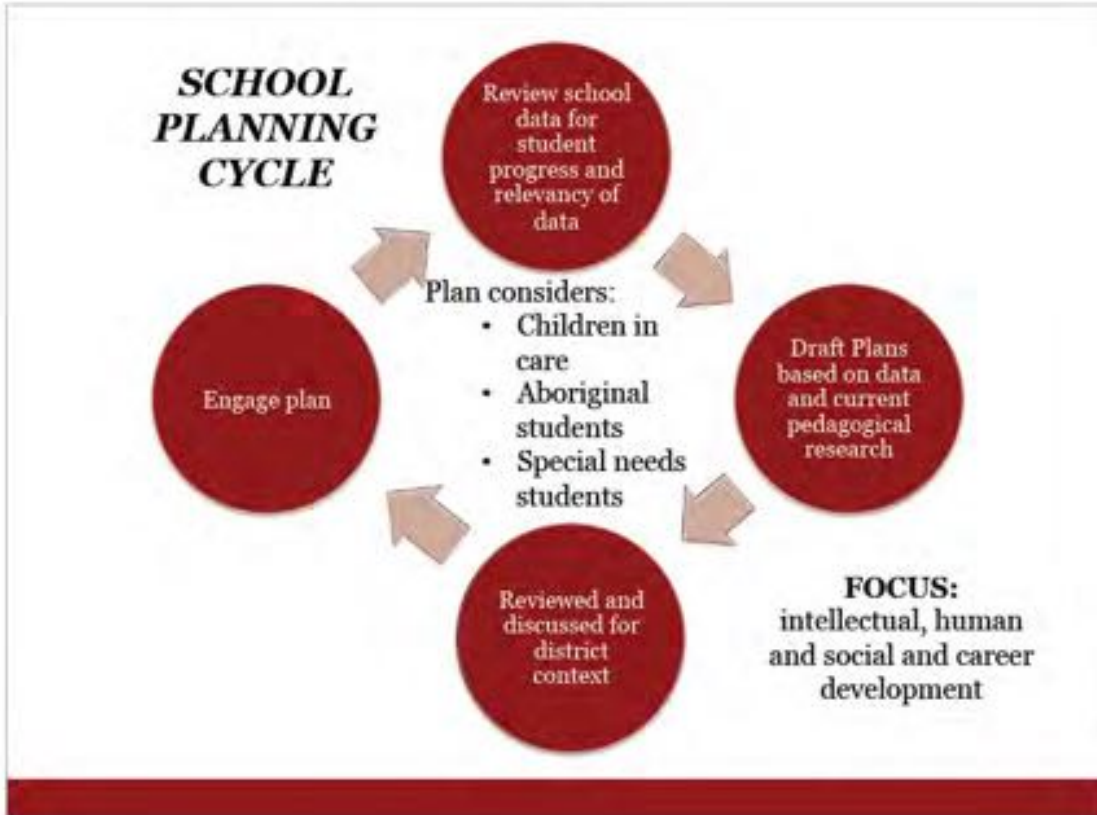
The March DPAC meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for April 28th at Chatelech Secondary School.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 27th, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the School Board Office.

For agenda setting:

- Physical Health Report



When?

An annual cycle to support multi-year planning

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
Schools	Collect data and develop Plan with educational partners	Implement and monitor Plan	Implement and monitor Plan	Implement and monitor Plan
District	Collect and present data, including school plans to Board	Develop Plan informed by, but separate from, the Strategic Plan	Implement and monitor Plan	Implement and monitor Plan