



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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES
Held on November 24, 2015 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
School Board Office – Gibsons, BC**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter, Chair; Dave Mewhort; Pammila Ruth; Lori Pratt; Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Phil Luporini, District Principal; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary; Marnie Baba, CUPE 801

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Russell, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. We Envision SCRD

Superintendent Bocking provided an update on SCRD's We Envision plan, a region wide sustainability plan that looks at land use; water stewardship; food security; affordable housing; employment; addressing poverty; community health and social services; arts and culture; learning and leading; natural spaces, parks, recreation; transportation; climate and energy; and zero waste. The committee discussed the benefits of knowing where the various plans from local governments intersect and how those plans create opportunities for partnership.

2. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the province has struck a select standing committee to review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) act and is providing the public with an opportunity to submit feedback for consideration. The committee discussed restrictions in the act, which prevent or limit the use of data storage opportunities outside of Canada. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that these restrictions limit the districts use of technology by preventing the use of certain applications such as various web calendar options, cloud storage solutions and file sharing services including Google Docs.

Recommendation: "To provide feedback to the select standing committee to deal with consent issues and the restrictive nature of data storage.

Written submissions to the committee must be received before December 29th, 2015.

3. Progress Plan Update

Anne Titcomb and Pat Hunt, co-chairs of the Sunshine Coast Community Resource Centre, provided an update on the status of the Progress Plan and noted recommendations from their plan that align with the board's strategic plan, including a recommendation to work in partnership to support entrepreneurship and career planning for secondary school students. Mrs. Titcomb and Mrs. Hunt thanked the school district for their efforts to

improve access to childcare in both Gibsons and Sechelt. Information on the Progress Plan can be found online at <http://www.communityresources.ca/progressplan>.

4. External Committees

Trustees and staff reported on their appointments to various external committees, including:

- SCRD Transportation Advisory Committee
- SCRD Policing Committee
- District Parents' Advisory Council
- Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness Committee
- VCH Healthy Schools
- Voice on the Coast
- My GP and Me

A suggestion was made that trustees be appointed to committees that reflect their appointments on internal committees. Trustees indicated that all committees have provided opportunities to advocate for, and to report back on, matters of concern to schools and PACs. A suggestion was made to reach out to local libraries to determine if there is an opportunity for a liaison to a committee and a request from Junior Rotary for a meeting was mentioned.

5. Communication (standing item)

The committee reviewed the plan. There were no suggestions for changes or additions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: December 15th, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the School Board Office.