



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

Held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: B. Baxter (Chair), L. Pratt (Vice-Chair), L. Dixon, D. Mewhort
P. Ruth, C. Younghusband; M. Haines (Student Trustee)

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction
V. White, Director of Instruction
N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: G. Russell, Trustee

#39. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Baxter acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

#40. Celebrating Education: Positive Discipline

Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator, Sue Lamb, Early Years Centre Coordinator, and Sarah Joseph, Sunshine Coast Community Services, shared information on the seven week "Positive Discipline" courses being offered through the support of the Early Childhood Partners. The program explores five points of positive discipline:

- Promotes a sense of connection, belonging and significance in children,
- Mutually respectful and encouraging.
- Effectiveness is seen over the long term.
- Teaches important social and life skills, including respect and problem solving.
- Encourages children to use personal power and autonomy.

The program has been incorporated into the SPARK!10 program. Feedback from course participants has been positive.

#41. Public Question Period

- There were no questions.

#42. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

"THAT the agenda of January 11, 2017 be adopted."

Carried.

#43. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION: Pratt/Youngusband

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2016 and the Record of the Closed Meeting of December 7, 2016 be adopted.”

Carried.

#44. Reports

a. Executive Reports

i. Strategic Plan Update:

1. Goal 1.a. – Early Learning

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report.

ii. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Bocking reported on upcoming FSA exams and reflected on activities that took place on the January 3rd Non-Instructional Day. Director Bishop spoke to a recent visit from a delegation of administrators from schools in Guandong, China. Director White reported that substance use prevention panels would be taking places in all grade 6 and 7 classes in the district.

MOTION: Dixon/Ruth

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) send a card of congratulations on the safe arrival of Superintendent Bocking’s granddaughter, Emma Julee Pigeon.”

Carried

1. Administrative Regulations to be received:

a. Regulation 4450 (Purchasing)

The final version of the regulation was not included in the meeting package and will be provided at the board’s February meeting for receipt.

2. Administrative Regulations in circulation:

a. Regulation 2400 (Scholarships, District/Authorized Awards and Bursaries)

The regulation will be in circulation until March 2, 2017.

iii. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the transportation review was taking place and noted the main factors being considering during the review include:

- Reducing ride times,
- Reducing wait times,
- Reducing walk limits,

- Additional funding to schools for extended experiences (field trips),

The review will also consider changes to bell schedules in order to improve services.

iv. Information Items:

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of December 2016

The report was submitted as written.

b. Board/Committee Reports

i. Board Report

Chair Baxter highlighted a new collaboration between SD46 and the Sechelt Arts Festival of a commemoration project "S-yiyaya."

1. Internal and External Committee Appointments

The appointments were submitted as written. As in the past, letters to PACs will be distributed to inform them of their trustee liaisons for 2017.

2. BCSTA Report

Trustee Ruth reported on deadlines for motions to the upcoming AGM.

3. BCPSEA Report

Trustee Younghusband reported on negotiations between the province and the BCTF as a result of the SCC ruling.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Haines shared feedback from the DSLT on the transportation review and noted that Pender students would like a van for the school for student transportation. A district wide talent show is still in the works. Chair Baxter noted that the Student Forum has been scheduled for April 11th at 11 am at the Sechelt Learning Centre.

ii. Committee of the Whole – December 13, 2016

The notes were submitted as written.

iii. Education Committee Notes – December 14, 2016

The notes were submitted as written.

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

"TO receive the reports."

Carried.

#45. Correspondence

- a. K. Abbott – Rural Education Enhancement Fund (Ref. 192110)
- b. G. Farkas – Rural Education and Financial Health Working Group (Ref. 192021)
- c. Min. Bernier – Local Elections Expense Limits (Ref. 192030)

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

“TO send a letter outlining to the Ministry our disappointment in the Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF) program and implore them to better predictably fund public education.”

Carried.

MOTION: Younghusband/Pratt

“TO receive the correspondence.”

Carried.

#46. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A member of the audience requested additional information on the criteria for awards created by donors or community groups. Director Bishop clarified that the new language was meant to ensure that groups could not create an award that was designed for a predetermined or specific individual.

#47. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on February 8th, 2017.

MOTION: Pratt/Ruth

“TO approve the committee agendas.”

Carried.

#48. Adjournment

MOTION: Pratt/Mewhort

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Carried.



Chair



Secretary-Treasurer