



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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES**

Held on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 am  
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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**PRESENT:** TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter (Chair), Greg Russell, Pammila Ruth, Lori Pratt, Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Kerry Mahlman, District Principal of Aboriginal Programs and Services; Terry Aleck, Aboriginal Advisory Circle; Carolyn Smith, CUPE Local 801; Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**REGRETS:** Dave Mewhort, Trustee; Lori Dixon, Trustee

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The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. External Committees

Trustees reported on their appointments to external committees:

- Joint Use Committee: Chair Baxter noted that the committee is actively reporting to the board.
- Voice on the Coast: Trustee Pratt indicated that the organization is experiencing a period of transition.
- Transportation Committee: Trustee Ruth reported that meeting times have changed and that the committee is an appropriate venue to advocate for traffic improvements near schools.
- Ferry Advisory Committee: Trustee Russell reported that he had been appointed to the committee and would advocate for ferry ridership of students.
- Sunshine Coast Youth Action and Awareness Committee: Trustee Russell reported that meetings would be taking place every second month for the year. The committee continues to be a successful information-sharing venue.
- Policing Committee: Trustee Russell shared information on crime statistics and indicated that the committee meeting times had changed from previous years.
- Intergovernmental Committee: Chair Baxter reported that the recent meeting was well attended. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick provided a brief presentation on the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. SD46 will host the next meeting.

2. Truth and Reconciliation Report

District Principal of Aboriginal Programs and Services, Kerry Mahlman, and Aboriginal Advisory Circle Co-Chair, Terry Aleck, provided information on the truth and reconciliation process, speaking to local residential school experiences, and provided a summary of the commission's calls to action. A variety of teaching materials and posters were displayed and information was shared regarding events and programs taking place in the schools and community. Several materials were provided at the meeting and have been added to the digital agenda package at:  
[http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17\\_BoardMeetings/cmtes/CoW\\_102516\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17_BoardMeetings/cmtes/CoW_102516_Agenda.pdf)

3. BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee Questions

Chair Baxter reported that District Principal Mahlman had provided responses to the questions from BCSTA's committee and that the information would be included in their discussions. The committee discussed several district aboriginal programs and partnerships.

4. Communication Plan

The committee reviewed the plan and recommended:

- Adding "Intergovernmental Meeting" to October "Other",
- Adding "Learning Forward" to December "Other", and
- Removing "BCSTA Academy" from November "Other".

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 pm at the School Board Office.