



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on December 13th, 2016 from 9:30-12:00 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter (Committee Chair), Dave Mewhort, Pammila Ruth,
Lori Pratt, Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Vanessa White, Director of
Instruction; Carolyn Smith, CUPE Local 801; Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801;
Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Russell, Trustee; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-
Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Rural Engagement

BC school districts have been invited to take part in a consultation process for the review of rural educational practices and funding. The committee discussed the survey and discussion forum questions and suggested the following information be provided:

- Sechelt Elementary closure saw the facility redefined as a community and early learning centre,
- Innovative learning opportunities at Pender Harbour Secondary to meet the needs of students and engage student learning,
- Partnership with the regional district to provide recreational facilities for the community at Pender Harbour Secondary,
- Changes in programming offered at Davis Bay Elementary resulted in a dramatic increase in enrollment,
- Often times small communities seem to have more multi-generational attachments to schools,
- Langdale Elementary is a small school that engages the community with flash mobs and school-wide field trips,
- Predictability of funding is important to schools in rural communities,
- Changes to the Unique Geographic Features grant could provide additional security to rural schools.

2. School Growth Plans

Superintendent Bocking reported that school growth plans are updated yearly at all schools and reviewed to ensure that they meet district priorities. Elementary schools are all working towards ensuring children read at grade level, with the expectation that some students may not meet that goal due to learning difficulties. Secondary schools are required to have a completion goal.

The district's program committee is looking to develop a publically accessible website with quantitative data as a reporting structure under the framework for enhancing student learning. A report on the district's achievements will be submitted to the ministry at the end of February, the structure of which will also be determined by the program committee.

The committee reviewed school growth plans for Davis Bay Elementary, West Sechelt Elementary, Cedar Grove Elementary, Pender Harbour Secondary, Chatelech Secondary, Langdale Elementary and Madeira Park Elementary.

3. Communication Plan

The committee reviewed the plan. Superintendent Bocking requested that "District report to the ministry" be added to the February Committee of the Whole and to the March Board meeting.

The committee discussed the purpose of the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 24 from 9:30 to 12:00 pm at the School Board Office.