



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES**

Held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Pammila Ruth (Committee Chair), Lori Pratt, Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Stephanie Murawsky, Chair, Parent Engagement Committee; Louise Herle, SCTA President; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction

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The meeting was called to order at 2:31 p.m. Agenda items were reordered to allow for the report on Parent Engagement to occur first.

1. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Parent Engagement Committee Chair, Stephanie Murawsky, shared plans to implement Parent Engagement School Teams in September. The school-based teams will meet monthly following DPAC to review initiatives and develop school specific plans as needed. The District Parent Engagement Committee plans to meet with the school-based teams twice a year. The committee discussed the make-up of the school-based teams, which will include one teacher, one student representative and the PAC chair.

2. Goal 1.f. – Music

*Our students will participate in a full elementary music program and have opportunities in secondary music and fine arts programs.*

Superintendent Bocking reported on the music program and shared that:

- students in grades K-3 receive 60 minutes of music education per week,
- student in grades 4 and 5 receive 45 minutes of music education per week, and
- students in grades 6 and 7 receive 90 minutes of music education per week.

An additional 1.0 FTE will be added to elementary music staffing in the 2018-19 school year. The district Musical Theater Program continues to engage students in all grades, and is a credit granting course for secondary students.

The committee discussed music at the secondary level, noting that the program is currently being offered outside of the timetable due to scheduling conflicts.

3. Goal 1.k. - Graduation

*Our students will graduate with specific life skills and with a clear focus on their personal future direction in their chosen career path.*

Director Bishop reported on the district's six-year graduation rate noting that the district is tracking cohorts to better understand the graduation rate of our students. He reported that international students and Evergreen Certificate recipients are not included in the completion rate analysis.

Director Bishop reviewed the changes to graduation requirements under the new curriculum. Students no longer have provincial exams and instead must complete a literacy and numeracy assessment. The committee shared their thoughts on changes to the graduation requirements.

4. Curriculum (standing item)

There were no additional updates.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at the School Board Office