



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on April 24th, 2018 from 9:30-12:30 p.m.
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of
Instruction; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Erica Reimer, Executive
Assistant (Recording Secretary); Louise Herle, SCTA

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Russell, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. Goal 3.c. – International Students

Our district will actively recruit students from around the world to live and learn with us in a welcoming international student program that showcases the beautiful, natural environment of the Sunshine Coast.

Director Bishop provided an update on the district's international student program, reviewing the program's budget, various supports provided to international students, agencies represented in 2017/18. Director Bishop noted:

- 25 international students registered in 2017/18 for a total of 13.5 FTE (an increase of 2.5 FTE from prior year)
- A moderate tuition increase will take place in 2019/20, from \$10,250 to \$11,000
- A Global Education and Awareness Board / Authority Authorized course will be developed to support international opportunities and global awareness for local students.

The committee reviewed the district's international education program brochure and discussed challenges with homestays. Director Bishop's full presentation can be found within the agenda package at: http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/17-18_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20180424-COW_Agenda.pdf

2. Memorandum of Agreement Review

Director Bishop reviewed the district's staffing ratios, class size and composition limits that were restored under the memorandum of agreement. The committee discussed the agreed remedies for non-compliance with the MoA, challenges in implementation of the MoA and heard feedback from the SCTA regarding the impact of remedies on the classroom. A copy of Director Bishop's presentation can be found in the agenda

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3. Trustee Evaluation Process / New Trustee Orientation Process

The committee discussed past trustee orientation processes and made suggestions for the current year's evaluation. Trustees suggested:

- Importance of leaving the next board with a good evaluation process.
- Initial trustee evaluation conversation in a closed meeting format with outcomes released to the public.
- Reflect on what brought trustees to governance, share a "compelling story".
- Compile information on how to create a successful board, pitfalls, goals, to share with incoming board.
- Provide additional information in the Trustee Orientation Handbook on how to draft and pass motions, highlight difference between the committee of the whole and formal meetings, provide additional information on the difference between policies and regulations.

4. Funding Model Review Feedback

The committee discussed the Funding Model Review discussion paper and shared concerns that any change to the funding model without an increase in funding towards public education could result in a "winners and losers" situation. The committee made the following suggestions:

- Review accountability process, ie: special needs reporting where current process requires substantial paperwork and takes time away from students,
- Consider a deficit budget model to avoid surplus budgets,
- Consider three-year funding models,
- Consider course-based funding,
- Advocate for an increase in funding for public education,
- Review seems to address political needs rather than supporting educational needs.
- The funding model needs a complete review that addresses the need for additional funding in the system.

The committee directed the chair to provide additional feedback to the Funding Model Review committee prior to the April 30th deadline. The committee also recommended a letter be submitted separately to address the need for additional funding in the review process.

RECOMMENDATION:

"THAT the board advocate to the Ministry for additional funding for public education and to question the intent of the Funding Model review"

5. Communication (standing item)

There were no changes to the board communication plan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 22nd from 9:30-11:30 am at the School Board Office