



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on May 22nd, 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, Greg Russell, Pammila Ruth,

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

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Christine Younghusband, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. District Report to the Ministry

Superintendent Bocking shared the district's report to the ministry, in the form of the website www.sd46studentexcellence.ca, with the committee. The website provides accessible information on several of the district's goals, including early learning, reading, mathematics, graduation, student belonging and aboriginal education. The website is updated throughout the year with new videos describing various programs and initiatives and updated yearly with relevant data.

RECOMMENDATION:

"That the board approve the District Report to the Ministry: sd46studentexcellence.ca"

2. Strategic Plan Goal 2.g. – Celebrations

Goal 2.g. Our staff will feel our pride in them through public recognition and celebrations.

Superintendent Bocking reported that the district continues to value celebrations in all forms, including recognition events, social media posts, press releases to local media and posts to the district website.

Superintendent Bocking solicited feedback from the committee on what the board would like to see in future celebrations.

The committee discussed:

- Looking at opportunities to co-host events with local governments or other partners,
- Attending retirement events and receiving notice of upcoming retirement events,
- Using celebrations as an opportunity for communication and the sharing information,
- Re-energizing the Partners in Learning celebration in the fall to better engage trustees, partners and the public.

3. Appointment of Chief Elections Officer and Deputy Chief Elections Officer

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick requested a recommendation to appoint himself as Chief

Elections Officer and to appoint Erica Reimer as Deputy Chief Elections Officer. The committee agreed to the recommendation.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on plans to meet with local governments to discuss the upcoming elections, including cost sharing agreements, and to discuss the viability of hosting a polling station at the SIGD considering the low voter turn out at that station during the previous election. The district plans to advertise new electoral areas to the general public and to encourage residents to vote.

RECOMMENDATION:

“That the board appoint Nicholas Weswick as Chief Elections Officer and to appoint Erica Reimer as Deputy Chief Elections Officer.”

4. Regulation 1040 - Admission of Non-Resident Students

Director Bishop reported on proposed changes to the regulation:

- Title changed to “International and Non-Resident Students”,
- Rationale added to regulation,
- Removed the requirement for English Language proficiency for “International Students”,
- Clarification of “Other Non-Resident Students”
- Removing requirement for “student authorization” for visiting students attending as a guest, with school agreement.

The committee discussed the change in previous requirements for English language skills. Director Bishop reported that the requirement limits opportunities for international students to attend Sunshine Coast schools. The change to the regulation will not impact the current intake of students but would open doors in the future. The district has seen an increase to the English Language Learners (ELL) population and additional staffing to support ELL students will be required regardless of intake streams. The district plans to provide additional training for all teachers to support ELL and to provide opportunities to build inter-cultural capacity within the district.

5. Regulation 1480 - Examinations and Reports by School Medical Officer

Director White reported on proposed changes to the regulation:

- Regulation renamed “Medical Exclusions”
- District titles edited to reflect current titles,
- Reference to the *School Act* embedded in the rationale and removed from the body of the regulation.

6. Regulation 1650 - Partnerships and/or Corporate Sponsorships

Superintendent Bocking indicated that proposed edits to the regulation reflect the board’s recent updates to policy and clarify processes. A suggestion was made to remove “of a limited type” from the list of examples of advertising in section II.

7. Regulation 2900 - Student Suspensions

Director White reported that the regulation had been updated to require that all suspensions in excess of five days be reported immediately to the superintendent. A reference to regulation

1480 will be updated with that regulations new title (Medical Exclusions).

8. Communication (standing item)

There were no changes to the board communication plan.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 26th from 9:30-11:30 am at the School Board Office