



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on September 26th, 2018 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Carolyn Spence, Principal, Sunshine Coast Alternative School; Jacquie Shelemey, President, SCTA; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Christine Youngusband, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

1. Outdoor Education (1.g.)

Superintendent Bocking highlighted:

- Outdoor classrooms continue to emerge at schools across the district, most recently at Cedar Grove Elementary.
- A fenced outdoor play space has been established in the wooded area in front of Halfmoon Bay Elementary.
- Schools are taking part in the *Week Without Walls / Day Without Walls* initiative championed by principal, Barry Krangle.
- The Outdoor Education Committee is working on ways to further develop and publicize the online atlas.
- Development of the greenhouse at Davis Bay Elementary continues.
- Several teachers who completed the Nature Based Experiential Learning Program are now employed at Davis Bay Elementary.
- The Outdoor Education Committee is planning for the spring conference and hopes to have Milton McClaren as a keynote speaker.

2. Parent Communication (2.d.)

Stephanie Murawsky, chair of the Parent Engagement Committee, shared achievements and goals for the coming school year, including:

- Encouraging cross participation in established parent and student groups at schools,
- Bringing core competencies into the home through tips and ideas that can be shared in school newsletters,

- Ensuring clear lines of communication are available between parents and teachers and investigating different ways that parents and teachers can interact, and
- Revising the Partners in Learning Celebration structure to include parents.

3. Grad Report

Director Bishop reviewed the results of the 2016/17 Student Learning Survey with the committee. The details may be seen http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/18-19_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20180926-Ed_Agenda.pdf. The committee noted the district's survey results echo the results of the province as a whole. The survey will be used to establish a baseline from which the district can gauge the effectiveness of specific initiatives.

4. Regulation for Review:

a. Regulation 1070 – Coaching

Superintendent Bocking reviewed proposed changes to the regulation to clarify the requirements for elementary and high school coaching. A requirement was added to ensure that community coaches, at the elementary level, have direct supervision by district staff.

A suggestion was made to include a reference to the district's student code of conduct regulation in item III.A.5 of the revised regulation.

b. Regulation 1150 – Graduation Ceremonies

Director Bishop reported that the regulation had been updated to include Sunshine Coast Alternative School and to allow flexibility for students attending programs at multiple schools to attend more than one graduation activity.

A suggestion was made to update section III. to clarify that students are invited to participate in a ceremony in their "final year" of schooling, rather than their "grade 12 year", provided graduation requirements are met.

c. Regulation 1255 – Scholarships, District / Authority Awards and Bursaries

Director Bishop reported that a revision was made to clarify that students may only submit an application to one school for scholarship/bursary purposes.

A suggestion was made to further clarify that a student may only submit an application to their school of record or primary school.

d. Regulation 1275 – Family Law Information

Director White reported that the title of the regulation was updated from "Single/Split Family Information" to "Family Law Information". The revisions to the regulation reflect the *Family Law Act* which came into effect in 2013 and replaced the previous *Family Relations Act*. The regulation provides details on how to

interpret parental responsibilities under the new act and ensures best efforts are made to contact both parents where shared parental responsibilities exist.

e. Regulation 3180 – Responding to a Threat or Potential Violent Behaviour

Director White reported that regulation has been clarified to indicate that the processes listed are to be used when responding to a threat from a student.

5. Curriculum (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking and Director Bishop reported that the new grade 10 curriculum is in its first year of implementation. Curriculum changes for grades 11 and 12 will take place in following years. Teachers of grades 10, 11 and 12 subjects have an opportunity to use release time to review and prepare for curriculum changes. The district is looking at opportunities to bring teachers and resource providers (such as ERAC) together at a school site.

6. Parent Engagement (standing item)

The report was provided in item 2 of the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 24th from 2:30-4:00 pm at the School Board Office