



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES**

Held on October 24<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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Sandy Magnussen, Inclusion Technology Coordinator; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**REGRETS:** Lori Dixon, Trustee; Christine Younghusband, Trustee; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Carolyn Spence, Principal, Sunshine Coast Alternative School;

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The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

1. Technology (1.i.)

Sandy Magnussen, Inclusive Education Technology Coordinator, described tools that are available to support the diverse needs of students. The district makes use of tools such as text to speech, which assists students with reading and decoding difficulties to concentrate on comprehension of the subject matter and strengthen overall reading skills. Additionally, dictation and work prediction tools allow students who experience difficulties writing a means to get their ideas on paper quickly and independently. Ms. Magnussen demonstrated Google Read and Write to the committee and responded to inquiries.

2. Middle Years Development Index (MDI)

Director White engaged the committee in a sharing activity to review the 2017/2018 MDI results. The district's MDI results, going back to 2012, are available at <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd46/>

The committee discussed nutrition and sleep, school experiences, connectedness, and use of afterschool time. All reports for 2012-2018, grade 7 starting in 2015

3. Regulation for Review:

a. Regulation 1130 – Extended Experiences

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the updated regulation and reported that changes reflect current practice and provide additional guidance around international travel.

b. Regulation 2060 – Distribution of Union/Political Materials

Superintendent Bocking noted minor changes to the regulation to remove redundant language and provide clarification.

c. Regulation 1090 – Copyright

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the changes to the regulation, which included updates to employee titles and updates to reflect current technologies.

d. Regulation 3210 – Smoking in Schools & Regulation 3240 – Student Substance Use

Director White reported that regulations 3210 and 3240 had been combined into one regulation, to be titled *Student Substance Use*. The combined regulation references the new *Cannabis Act* and provides guidance on suspensions as a result of substance use.

4. Curriculum (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking provided a brief report on the continued implementation of the new grade 10 curriculum.

5. Parent Engagement (standing item)

A report will be provided after the Parent Engagement committee meets in November.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 2:30-4:00 pm at the School Board Office.