



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

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 2:30 p.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: S. Girard (Committee Chair), P. Ruth
REGRETS (TRUSTEES): A. Amaral, T. Ste. Marie
STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer,
V. White, Director of Instruction, P. Bishop, Director of Instruction,
E. Reimer, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 p.m. and was chaired by Trustee Girard.

2. Grad (1.k)

Director Bishop provided a report and highlighted:

- District support for post-graduate students in the Train in Trades programs.
- Changes to provincial changes to graduation requirements:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation>,
- Provincial changes to graduation requirements,
- Graduation/completion results for the school district - available
at <https://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca/school-district/046/report/completion-rates>,
- Aboriginal student in SD46 are graduating at the same rate as non-aboriginal students,
- Fluctuations in completion results from special needs students will be reviewed.

Director Bishop provided a document which summarized students who completed SD46 careers training programs and moved on to complete their red seal certification. A copy of that document is available in the meeting package.

3. Music (1.f)

Superintendent Bocking shared the following:

- A review of the elementary and secondary music offerings for students
- The elementary music program provides for teacher preparation time for teachers.
- The district was unable to offer a full elementary music program at Halfmoon Bay Elementary due to staffing challenges.
- Secondary level band is offered as an elective and often scheduled off the time table (before or after school).

- Secondary schools offer opportunities for student involvement in jazz bands and choirs.
- The district musical theatre program continues to thrive.

Director White spoke to challenges in scheduling secondary level music programs, including sufficient student interest, time table challenges when offering a full year program, and term-based electives offered in grades 8-9 as potential impediments.

Superintendent Bocking noted that school communities have suggested a focus on broader fine arts programming in the 2019-23 strategic plan.

4. Regulations for Review:

1. 1210 - Patriotic Protocols

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the edits to the regulation, indicating that provincial and federal regulations protocol items have been reflected in the revisions.

The committee suggested an addition that would provide the Superintendent authority to consider requests for half-masting in special circumstances.

2. 3050 - Child Protection

Director White reviewed suggested changes and shared the importance of reporting child protection issues. The regulation will begin the circulation phase at the May board meeting.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.