



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 7:00 pm
School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth (Chair), S. Leech (Vice-Chair), A. Amaral, M. Hampvent, S. Haines, S. Girard, T. Ste. Marie, N. Davis (Student Trustee)

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 7:02 p.m. by Vice-Chair Leech.

Vice-Chair Leech acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the unceded territory of the Squamish Nation and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Celebrating Education: Me to We Ecuador Trip - A. Kennelly

Sunshine Coast Alternative School teacher, Alyssa Kennelly, and several students involved in the 2019 Me to We Ecuador Trip shared their experiences with trustees, including a slide show documenting their experiences. The group took part in sight seeing adventures as well as service work digging a foundation for a computer lab at a school site.

3. Public Question Period (10 minutes in total)

- A member of the public shared concerns regarding the lack of speech pathology / speech therapy for students. Superintendent Bocking reported that the district has had difficulty filling the position.
- A member of the public asked if the district has addressed cell phone use while driving elsewhere in the district's regulations. Director White indicated that the district's transportation safety manual, along with BC legislation, indicates that the use of cell phones while driving is prohibited.
- A member of the public asked if the district has considered developing a policy that would provide guidelines for cell phone use in schools. Superintendent Bocking

responded that teachers have autonomy in setting guidelines regarding the use of cell phones in the class room.

- A member of the public asked if a private therapist could pick up a student during school hours for therapy. Superintendent Bocking advised them to discuss the matter with their school principal and Director White as each situation is different for our students.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Superintendent Bocking requested Regulation 2050 - Conflict of Interest be removed from the agenda.

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the agenda be adopted with item number 6.c.2 (Reg. 2050 - Conflict of Interest) struck from the agenda, on the request of the Superintendent, and the remainder of the items renumbered."

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings and Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "THAT the Regular Minutes of April 10, 2019 and the Record of Closed Meeting of April 10, 2019, be approved."

Carried

6. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bocking shared two student poems from the Coastal Voices anthology and highlighted the following items:

- The *SD46's Got Talent 3* student talent show
- *Students on Shorelines (SOS)* for Earth Week
- The *Student Leadership Forum*
- Student participation in the *April Tools* event at Madeira Park
- Student participation in the *Skills Canada Provincials* competition
- Staff use of the *Teaching, Learning and Collaborating (TLC)* Fund
- Scholarship and bursary recognition event to recognize the support of our donors
- International students took part in a paddling activity

- Community schools coordinators and district staff met to develop strategies to support students.

b. Strategic Plan Reports

1. Goal 1.f. - Music

Superintendent Bocking spoke to his written report, highlighting the success of the district's efforts to improve music programs across all schools.

2. Goal 1.k. - Graduation

Director Bishop spoke to his written report and highlighted changes to academic programs for students in grades 11 and 12, as well as changes to graduation requirements.

3. Goal 2.i. - Facilities

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to his written report, noting the efforts that Facilities Manager Rob Collison has made to improve overall building efficiency.

c. Administrative Regulations in Circulation

Details regarding the administrative regulations in circulation can be found in the committee notes of meetings taking place in April 2019. New and revised regulations will circulate for an eight (8) week period and regulations being repealed will circulate for a four (4) week period.

1. Reg. 1210 - Patriotic Protocols

2. Reg. 3050 - Child Protection

d. Administrative Regulations to be Received

The following regulation(s) completed the circulation phase and were received as part of the reports provided at the board meeting.

1. Reg. 1310 - Student Reporting

2. Reg. 2040 - Communicating through the Media

3. Reg. 3060 - Emergencies

4. Reg. 2020 - Cell Phone Use (repealed)

5. Reg. 3040 - Bomb Threats (repealed)

6. Reg. 3290 - Weapons (repealed)

e. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The report was submitted as written.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick spoke to compensation and average hours of work for Educational Assistants, as described in his written report.

1. Larger Cheques Written in the Month of April 2019

The report was submitted as written.

2. Expenditures by Object - April 2019

The report was submitted as written.

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that the district expects to see a surplus at the end of the fiscal year, additional information will be provided to the board in the June and September board meetings.

f. Board Reports

1. Chair's Report

Vice-Chair Leech spoke to the written report and highlighted:

- Trustee involvement on both the SCTA and CUPE bargaining committees,
- Trustees participation at the *Student Leadership Forum*
- Concerns regarding the abolishment of school boards in Nova Scotia and movement towards the same in Manitoba,
- Statistics shared at the BCSTA AGM regarding indigenous students entering the workforce,
- The South Coast Branch, which includes the Sunshine Coast, Powell River and Sea-to-Sky school districts, have agreed to meet more frequently.

2. BCSTA Report

Trustee Hampvent shared her impressions of the BCSTA AGM and reported that the South Coast Branch has committed to meet in the fall at an event hosted by the board.

3. BCPSEA Report

There were no items to report.

4. Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Davis reported:

- That the DSLT has met to discuss the selection process for members for the next school year, the DSLT intends to select the 2019-20 school trustee in June so that the trustee can be sworn in at the September regular meeting.
- That the student council at Elphinstone has presented student survey data to staff to request that their lunch hour be lengthened in order to allow for more involvement in clubs and activities,

- That the award ceremony at Elphinstone will be a different format than in years' past.
- That a number of Grad activities, including games and events are starting to take place.
- On the DSLT's involvement in the Scholarship and Bursary recognition event.
- That he had attended the BCSTA AGM with fellow trustees.

g. Committee of the Whole Notes - April 23, 2019

The notes were submitted as written.

h. Education Committee Notes - April 24, 2019

The notes were submitted as written.

i. Operations Committee Notes - April 18, 2019

The notes were submitted as written.

j. Policy Committee - April 23, 2019

The notes were submitted as written.

Moved: Ste. Marie

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "THAT the board approve revisions to sections 5.4 and 5.8.v. of Policy 5 (Role of Board Committees)."

Carried

k. Receipt of Reports

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Ruth

MOTION: "THAT the reports be received."

Carried

7. Correspondence

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that the ministry's changes to the Long Range Facilities Plan requirements will allow for a more meaningful report for the board and staff.

Moved: Haines

Seconded: Hampvent

MOTION: "TO receive the correspondence"

8. Questions and Enquiries from the Public Relating to the Board Meeting

- A member of the audience asked for clarification on an item in Secretary-Treasurer's written report, in particular if the hours of work performed by Educational Assistants was calculated including lunch and breaks. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick responded that they were included in the total hours.
- A member of the audience suggested that board committee meetings take place outside of school hours to allow broad participation by the general public. Vice-Chair Leech reported that scheduling challenges prevented any shift to the committee schedule in the current year.
- A member of the audience noted a correction to those present at the Committee of the Whole meeting. The correction was noted and will be reflected in the meeting's notes.
- A member of the audience asked if further solar initiatives were being planned in light of the significant energy savings at Langdale Elementary School. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that a number of changes helped to improve efficiency at Langdale and indicated that the district intends to continue to seek funding for solar initiatives at other sites.
- A member of the audience asked how regulations in circulation are shared with and how the public could provide feedback during that phase. Superintendent Bocking reported that regulations are distributed to schools, Community Schools, DPAC, the SCTA and CUPE, as well as posted to the district website. Feedback on regulations is received via a form sent to the Superintendent.
- A member of the audience asked for clarification on board process during meetings. Secretary-Treasurer referred to the board's procedural bylaws for clarification.
- A member of the audience asked if students involved in climate strikes were seeing any outcomes from their actions and what the benefits of participating are. Student Trustee Davis and Director White described the interest generated from the protests, students connecting on a common issue, and learning about advocacy and protest. Superintendent Bocking reported that a goal specific to student learning and climate change has been included in the 2019-23 strategic plan.
- A member of the audience asked for information on a motion to the BCSTA AGM that was listed in April agenda package. Vice-Chair Leech requested that questions during this period relate to the current board meeting's agenda.

9. Next Meeting

The next public board meeting will be held on June 12th, 2019.

a. Committee Agendas

The June Policy Committee will be rescheduled so as not to conflict with the Pender Harbour Graduation Ceremony.

A correction to the date of the Trustee Honorarium Committee meeting was noted.

Moved: Amaral

Seconded: Girard

MOTION: "TO approve the committee agendas."

Carried

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Moved: Ruth

Seconded: Ste. Marie

MOTION: "TO adjourn."

Carried

Signed original on file

Pammila Ruth - Board Chair

Nicholas Weswick - Secretary-Treasurer