



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

POLICY COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on January 22nd, 2019 from 11:30-1:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Tonya Ste. Marie (Committee Chair), Samantha Haines, Maria Hampvent, Sue Girard, Stacia Leech, Pammila Ruth

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

REGRETS: Amanda Amaral, Trustee; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction

The meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m.

1. Role of the Trustee

The committee discussed trustee participation on external boards and volunteerism at schools in light of the policy. Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported that trustees should consider avoiding situations where a perception of favoritism or conflict could occur, so as to ensure future decision making is perceived as being free from bias.

Trustees discussed their roles as liaisons to PACs and agreed that their continued attendance is meaningful. Trustees agreed to attend PAC meetings whenever possible. Superintendent Bocking agreed to include information in the DPAC brochure to clarify the role of the trustee as liaison to PACs.

The committee suggested the following changes to the subsections 6, 7 and 11:

- 3.6 *Endeavour to fairly, impartially and equitably ensure that the district and schools are administered by the most qualified and appropriate personnel.*
- 3.7 *Be loyal and accessible to the community at large, ~~superseeding~~. This supersedes any conflicting loyalties to employee, advocacy or interest groups; political parties; other councils or boards; individual employees, schools, electoral areas or communities; or personal interests.*
- 3.11 *Refrain from getting involved in or expressing judgments on any school-level disputes or concerns, but listen to complainants and refer them to the district's "How to Communicate with Us", Regulation ~~5350~~ 2070.*

RECOMMENDATION:

"That the revisions to Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee be approved"

2. Appeals Bylaw

The item was tabled to a future meeting due to time constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.