



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

Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
School Board Office - Gibsons, BC

TRUSTEES: P. Ruth (Committee Chair), S. Leech, A. Amaral, M. Hampvent,
S. Haines, S. Girard, T. Ste. Marie

STAFF: P. Bocking, Superintendent, N. Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer,
P. Bishop, Director of Instruction, V. White, Director of Instruction,
J. Budgell, CUPE Local 801 President, S. Mackenzie, CUPE Local 801, E.
Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order

Chair Ruth called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. The committee took five minutes to practice a mindfulness exercise before moving to the first agenda item.

2. Strategic Plan - Final Review

The committee reviewed a final draft document. Superintendent Bocking sought the committees' feedback on the value comments, in particular if trustees thought it beneficial to include an action statement in each value. The committee indicated a preference for action statements to be included in the board's value statements.

The committee reviewed goals and suggested edits to the document, as well as provided feedback for the final design. The committee asked to review the final document at the June board meeting before making a recommendation for approval.

3. Celebrations (2.g.)

Goal 2.g. Our staff will feel our pride in them through public recognition and celebrations.

Superintendent Bocking reported on several annual celebrations, including:

- The Scholarship and Bursary Donour Appreciation event,
- Annual Retirement Ceremony,
- Long Standing Service Awards,
- The annual Partners in Learning event,
- Superintendent visits to schools at Winter break, World Teacher Day and at the end of the year to recognize the hard work of staff,

- Social media exposure that celebrates the work of students and staff,
- Graduation ceremonies at secondary schools,
- Informal completion ceremonies Train in Trades students
- Celebrations for international students at the end of their term.

4. International Students (3.c.)

Goal 3.c. Our district will actively recruit students from around the world to live and learn with us in a welcoming international student program that showcases the beautiful, natural environment of the Sunshine Coast.

Director Bishop spoke to a presentation explaining the district's international education program and reported that:

- Homestay placements are coordinated by an external agency
- The availability of homestay families can cause a barrier to the expansion of the district's international program,
- The district partners with several recruiting agencies in order to attract a diverse range of international students,
- The Learninbc.ca website is developed specifically as a marketing site to inform agencies,
- International program fees are some of the lowest in the province, despite a modest increase in the 2018-19 school year,
- The program provides an opportunity for intercultural learning and global awareness, benefiting our students as well as those visiting from other countries.
- Rotary exchanges differ from international students placements and are funded by the ministry.

5. Regulation Process Review

Superintendent Bocking reviewed Regulation 1230, which outlines the process for the development and circulation of administrative regulations, and shared the process for the overarching regulation review that has been taking place since 2017.

6. Trustee/Board Evaluation Process

Chair Ruth suggested that the board use BCSTA's self evaluation process for the current year as a starting point. Chair Ruth will contact BCSTA to initiate the process.

7. Regulations for Review:

a. Reg. 5010 – Decentralized Decision Making

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick reported on the changes to the regulation, which include updates to procedures that reflect current practices:

- Inclusion of a rationale
- Update to indicate that custodial costs are budgeted at the district level,
- Update to indicate use of MyBudgetFile
- Changes to provide greater flexibility in timelines

- A process for consulting for the internal model
- Section F was deemed redundant as the information is outlined in the purchasing regulation (5060).

b. Reg. 2120 – Selection and Appointment of Senior Executive

Superintendent Bocking spoke to the changes and highlighted:

- Inclusion of the word "normally" to allow for situations where appointments are made,
- Removed requirement for short listed applicants to meet the board,
- Changes to reflect current ministry requirements in section F.1

The committee reviewed the changes and made several suggestions:

- Improve language on external postings,
- Provide clarity on the role of the board,
- Separate selection and appointment process for the superintendent from senior executive members, and to
- Define who is a senior staff member.

Superintendent Bocking agreed to consider the committees' suggestions and bring Regulation 2121 back to the June Committee of the Whole for a second look.

8. Communication Plan (standing item)

The committee reviewed the plan and noted that the Board Retreat has been postponed to a future date.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.