



SCHOOL DISTRICT 46 - SUNSHINE COAST

TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 2024

SUBMITTED BY VICE-CHAIR STACIA LEECH



"Education got us into this mess, education will get us out of it."

Senator Murray Sinclair

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2029 UPDATE

Valuable updates on the implementation progress of the Strategic Plan are shared in the monthly Superintendent's reports to the Board. The November report can be accessed [here](#).

On November 4th, leadership students from grades 6 to 12 participated in the Student Strategic Plan Launch. Trustees attended to listen and learn how students plan to play an active role in shaping the future of education in the district.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Senator Murray Sinclair passed away on November 4th. He was an Anishinaabe lawyer, the first Indigenous judge in Manitoba and the second-ever in Canada. As chief commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), Senator Sinclair organised hundreds of hearings across Canada to hear directly from survivors of the country's residential school system. We take to heart Senator Sinclair's words about the value of education.

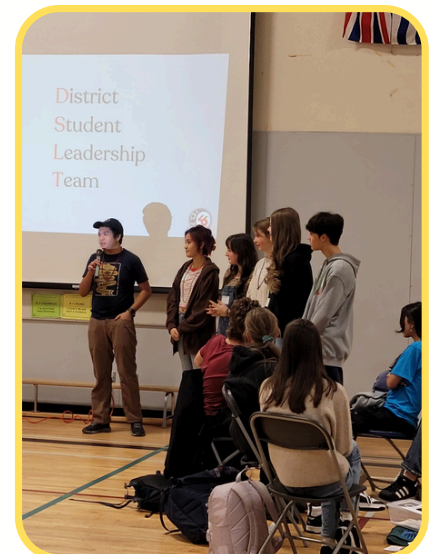
NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

SD46 Board of Education congratulates Lisa Beare on her appointment as the new Minister of Education and Child Care. Minister Beare has been an advocate for education throughout her career, having served as a school board trustee for Maple Ridge and as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows since 2017. She most recently held the cabinet role of Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

STUDENT VOICE

Our Board of Education continues to advocate for and promote student voice and representation at BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) events. Vice-Chair Leech attended the BCSTA Provincial Council and shared the Sunshine Coast School District's (SD46) experience of having a Student Trustee at the board table for the past eleven years, including their participation in provincial gatherings.

We believe that incorporating student voice in the governance of education enhances the delivery of education, ensuring it better meets students' needs.





SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-26 BUDGET

Preliminary budget discussion opportunities are scheduled for parents on November 27th and for DPAC members at their meeting on November 28th. These presentations will provide updates on how Strategic Plan priorities are reflected in the allocation of resources.



SD 46 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Check out Student Trustee Alexis Proust's November Regular Board Meeting report to stay up to date with Sunshine Coast Secondary activities.



[Student Trustee Report - November 2024](#)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

November 8th marked National Indigenous Veterans Day. On November 11th, Trustees participated in ceremonies and laid wreaths on behalf of the Sunshine Coast School District at the cenotaphs and Legions in Gibsons, Roberts Creek, Sechelt, and Madeira Park. Trustees also attended school Remembrance assemblies.



SD46 + DPAC ENGAGEMENT EVENT OCTOBER 29TH

The Board of Education recently hosted a collaborative event at the Sunshine Coast Golf and Country Club, bringing together PAC Chairs, Vice-Chairs, DPAC Executives, Principals, and Trustees. Facilitated by Caroline Picard through a Compassionate Systems Leadership lens, the evening focused on enhancing meeting effectiveness, fostering collaborative engagement, and strengthening collaboration with the Board of Education.

The event was well-attended, featuring engaging discussions and a shared commitment to strengthening relationships within our school community.

BOARD ELECTIONS

At the November Regular Board meeting, the following trustees were elected:

- Chair: Amanda Amaral
- Vice-Chair: Stacia Leech
- BCSTA Representative: Pammila Ruth
- BCPSEA Representative: Tracey McClelland

What is BCPSEA? The BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) supports public education through effective human resource practices and services. It serves as the accredited bargaining agent for the province's 60 public boards of education. What is BCSTA? The British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) serves and supports BC's boards of education in their mission to improve outcomes for students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETINGS

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings: the next public Board Meeting is December 11th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in person at the School Board Office, 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons and whenever possible live streamed to YouTube.

- Board meeting schedule: [Schedule of Meetings](#)
- SD 46 YouTube Channel meeting live stream: [SD46 YouTube](#)



Board Committee meetings are scheduled for November 26th at the School Board Office and whenever possible live streamed to YouTube.

Don't forget we have a new committee schedule:

- Education Committee 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
- Committee of the Whole 11:15 AM to 1:30 PM *with break for lunch
- Operations Committee 1:45 PM to 3:15 PM