



# TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT OCTOBER 2024

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## TRUSTEES & DPAC

The Board will continue to serve as a liaison to DPAC and will provide monthly governance reports to the learning community through the list-serve, DPAC and PAC chairs. Additionally, the Board will offer educational sessions to the community. The first event of the year will take place on Tuesday, October 29th, bringing together DPAC, PAC chairs and principals. Board members will also visit PACs during the fall and winter months.

## STUDENT STRATEGIC PLAN LAUNCH

Superintendent Kerr and senior staff introduced the new Strategic Plan to the Grade 10 Leadership class at Chatelech Secondary, where it was received with tremendous enthusiasm. Students shared a wealth of ideas on how to champion the plan and how they envision their learning evolving in the future. We are excited to see how these young leaders will share the vision with the broader student body!

*"We believe that when we create authentic and inclusive learning environments, we will enhance each student's development of the Core Competencies over time"*

## SEPTEMBER 30, NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

This day honours the children who never returned home, survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history, as well as the ongoing impacts of residential schools, is vital to the reconciliation process.

This year, trustees joined with hundreds of others for the Commemoration Ceremony at the Residential School Monument Site hosted by the shíshálh Nation. We were invited to participate in the walk for Reconciliation. During the ceremony, we heard survivor stories of trauma, healing, and hope. The Walk for Reconciliation was a meaningful opportunity for trustees to walk alongside members of the shíshálh Nation and people from across the Sunshine Coast. There is a profound sense of purpose and deep connection when hundreds of neighbours walk together.

Click on the link [here](#) to watch a short video about the history and importance of Orange Shirt Day for the shíshálh Nation.

## 2024-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: ENGAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION



Engagement efforts this coming year will concentrate on the implementation of the strategic plan. This process will involve, staff, students, families, rightsholders, and community partners to share their perspectives and understandings. The Board of Education will be kept informed of the implementation process through board reports and ongoing community connections. The Board will prioritize high-impact initiatives through the budget process to enhance student learning and success.



The Board will invite school principals, teachers, students, and parents to share their goals and success stories at meetings. Trustees will attend celebrations of educational achievements and important events, and dedicate time for learning focused on Truth and Reconciliation during the Education Committee. Yearly trustee tours of school sites will provide opportunities for direct insights.



### STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

October provided the Board an opportunity to recognize all staff for their dedication, leadership, and contributions to our students' success. Our value of Learning is reflected in the power of teaching and in the contributions of everyone who supports our schools. We celebrate all those who work in the education sector—whether leading our schools, delivering lessons, providing support, or maintaining welcoming environments. We will continue to learn together as we journey and implement our Strategic Plan.

### SD 46 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

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



[Student Trustee Report - October 2024](#)

### COMMUNITY & PARENT ENGAGEMENT, OCTOBER 29

The details for the SD46 + D(PAC) event have been finalized. The focus will be on Effective Meetings, Collaborative Work, & Compassionate Systems Leadership. All PAC chairs, vice-chairs (or two designates), and DPAC executives are invited. Principals are also invited, and trustees will be attending. The session, facilitated by Caroline Picard, will provide an in-depth look at running effective meetings, fostering engagement, and working collaboratively with the Board of Education.



### FREE TRANSIT FOR STUDENTS

On November 1st, free transit for youth aged 13 – 17 (or still in grade 12) will become a reality. The Board of Education has been supporting the advocacy of this initiative since the beginning of our term as trustees. Children under the age of 13 have been riding for free for several years now. Youth will need to obtain a transit pass, known as the S-Pass, which will allow them to ride the bus at no charge.

This is an important step in encouraging regular transit use, building life-long ridership, reducing barriers to public transportation, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. There are many individuals and organisations to thank for their advocacy of this initiative: Cael Read (SD46 student trustee 2023-2024), Colton Rockford (Gr 12 student 2023-2024), TRAC Sunshine Coast, SD46 Secretary Treasurer Weswick, and SCR D Directors. For more information on how students can get the S-Pass, click the link [here](#).



### BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETINGS

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings: the next public Board Meeting is November 13th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held in person at the School Board Office, 494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons and 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 October 22nd and November 26th, 2024 at the School Board Office and 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