



TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

SUBMITTED BY VICE-CHAIR STACIA LEECH



STUDENT TRUSTEE

At our June Regular Board meeting we said thank you and farewell to our 2023-2024 Student Trustee, Cael Read. Then, at the September 11 Regular Board meeting we enthusiastically welcomed our twelfth Student Trustee to the board table, Alexis Proust. Student Trustee Proust, a grade 12 student at Chatelech Secondary, has been actively involved in the District Student Leadership Team and was elected by her peers to serve as this year's Student Trustee. Welcome Alexis! We look forward to your reports from our secondary schools and to gaining your valuable student perspective at the board table.



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

WELCOMING OUR EDUCATION TEAM TO THE 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR

Trustees were invited to participate in the Professional Learning Day at Chatelech Secondary School on September 3. Over four hundred of us stood in a circle and were welcomed by members of the shíshálh Nation, along with Kate Kerr, our Superintendent, Allison Liddicoat, the SCTA President, and Sharon McKenzie, the CUPE 801 President. Following the circle activities, the group moved into the Chatelech gym to watch a video documenting the work of the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan Writing Team. It was a moving tribute to the diverse team and an inspiring way to introduce the Strategic Plan and begin the year.



2024-2029 STRATEGIC PLAN

We are excited to launch our new Strategic Plan after ten months of consultation, collaboration, and thoughtful consideration. You can view the plan on our website and at the link [here](#).

The District will now embark on the implementation phase of the new plan. The goal and strategies of the plan are aimed at improving student learning, addressing equity gaps, and building system-wide cohesion.

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MONTHLY TRUSTEE REPORT

The Board will continue providing this Monthly Trustee Report to DPAC, School PACs, and the learning community. The report will be aligned with the DPAC meeting schedule. We will host a professional development orientation session for PAC and DPAC members, your PAC chair will have the details. This session will cover how to communicate with the board, how to request a trustee' attendance at a PAC meeting, and guidelines for working with DPAC.



AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR FACILITIES

When we think about our District's assets, the people come to mind first. We work in a human system, where it is those that support either directly or indirectly the success of students and our learning community as a whole. Other important assets are our buildings, playgrounds, fields, works yard, and shops. The Ministry of Education and Childcare has been funding initiatives in our District through the School Enhancement Program. This funding enables us to do critical infrastructure upgrades and maintenance that ensure a sustainable, longer life for our physical assets. At the end of the last school year, Chair Amaral wrote to the Ministry of Education and Child Care expressing our gratitude for their ongoing support as we look to the future, and are committed to continuing our efforts towards sustainability.

SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NEWS

As many school districts in the Province are aware, inflationary pressures have been an increasing area of concern in recent years. While overall operating funding has been increased to address direct labour costs and enrolment increases, significant inflation has affected other areas. These include rising benefit cost increases, Worksafe policy changes, and the increased costs of fuel, services and supplies required to maintain high-quality operations. Without additional funding, these rising operating costs may lead to a decline in service levels. More information about the impact of inflationary and other pressures affecting our district can be found in the Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSDA), available on our website and at the link [here](#).



NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings: the next public Board Meeting is October 9, 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 September 24, 2024 at the School Board Office and live streamed to YouTube.

This year we are trying 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