

SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2025



SUBMITTED BY VICE-CHAIR STACIA LEECH



BOARD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Every April, the Board of Education looks forward to the Provincial three-day BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting. It is a chance for us to connect with trustees from other districts (over 400 trustees), engage in professional learning sessions that enhance the work of the Board and build trustee capacity—all with the goal of supporting student learning through good governance. It is also an opportunity to support the advocacy work of the BCSTA Board and celebrate education in BC.



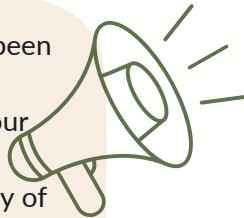
MARCH 8TH WAS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We opened the March 12 Regular Board Meeting with a recognition of International Women's Day. Each board member, staff member, student, and all present spoke the name of a woman who had inspired them, demonstrated courage, advanced women's rights through activism, or held personal significance as an inspirational figure. The names ranged from 19th-century heroines—such as Empress Elizabeth of Austria—to writers and poets like Maya Angelou (mentioned twice), as well as mothers, grandmothers, and partners. Hearing the names spoken aloud brought their presence into the room.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At this year's BC School Trustees Association AGM, SD46 has been invited to present a session on **Programs and Structures that promote student success**. Superintendent Kerr, Chair Amaral, our current Student Trustee, Alexis Proust, and last year's Student Trustee, Cael Read, will be on stage talking about the the history of Student Trustees in SD46, the District Student Leadership Team, and the positive impact of student voice at the board table.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

At our March Education Committee, District Principal Mahlman highlighted the significance of the shíshálh Nation marking 100 years since amalgamation, a process that brought together the four communities of xenichen, ts'unay, tewankw, and sxixus as one Nation. She spoke how the shíshálh people have remained resilient, preserving their identity, culture and their connection to their land, swiya.

Our current and past SD46 Strategic Plans carry this affirmation:

The Board of School District 46 affirms its commitment to Indigenous Peoples and Reconciliation by building relationships and deepening understanding of Indigenous history, worldviews, and ways of knowing.



SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVAL

The 2025/2026 school calendar has now been approved by the board and is available on the SD46 website.

[2025-2026 Calendar](#)



SD46 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

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

[Student Trustee Report - April 2025](#)



TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

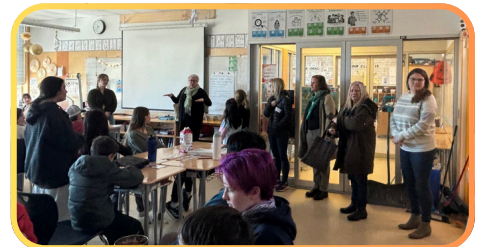
The Board recently had a presentation from Vancouver Coastal Health professionals, Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast and parents. The topic was focused on safety at some intersections close to schools and active travel for children and youth. Key goals of the group are increasing participation in active travel, enhancing government and community engagement, reducing traffic congestion and speed in school zones and identifying active travel networks. The Board, staff and parents have been aware for some time that the intersection of Pratt Road and Chaster Road in Gibsons is an area of concern. This attention and advocacy has resulted in a new four-way stop at this location.

At our March regular board meeting a motion was passed for Chair Amaral to write to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) and express our appreciation for this work and their support for safer school travel. Also to advocate for prioritizing safety improvements at the Port Mellon Highway and Forbes Road intersection and at Gibsons Way and School Road intersections.



SCHOOL TOURS

On April 28th Trustees continue their school tours. This time we will be visiting Cedar Grove Elementary, Roberts Creek Elementary and Davis Bay Elementary. School visits are a highlight in the trustee calendar, meeting staff and students in their environment is always enlightening and joyful.



BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY MEETINGS

Parents and guardians are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings. 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](#)

Previous meeting agendas and minutes: [Agendas and Minutes](#)

Meeting live-stream channel: [SD46 YouTube](#)

Board Committee meetings are scheduled May 27 at the School Board Office:

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

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