

SCHOOL DISTRICT 46 - SUNSHINE COAST



TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

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BOARD ADVOCACY

The Government of British Columbia has made a commitment to affordable, accessible, and inclusive child care. The Ministry of Education and Child Care strategic plan requires the government to invest in increasing child care spaces. School Districts are now required to assume the work of establishing, staffing and managing child care operating facilities. The Board of Sunshine Coast School District 46 will be making a motion at the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting to advocate for per pupil and per childcare space funding, this would be a significant improvement to the current subsidy-based model of funding.

The Board and senior staff also continue to advocate with the Ministry of Transportation for improvements to roads and intersections close to schools.

TRUSTEE SCHOOL TOURS

Between February 12 and June 3 trustees will visit all twelve school sites: This is a favourite time in the Trustees calendar, an opportunity to meet the students in their environment, check in with principals, vice principals and staff, and listen to their plans and goals for the future of their students.

WE ARE HIRING

The SD46 Human Resources department reports that recent hiring activity has resulted in a reduction of days when we have been unable to fill positions due to illness. Since August 2023, the district has hired 69 new staff members, and the hiring process is ongoing.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

In February, trustees will participate in a listening circle with the shishálh Nation community, including elders, to support the co-creation of the new strategic plan.

BUDGET

The amended 2023-2024 Budget was presented at the January 23 Operations Committee. There is an increase in the Ministry Operating Grants as a result of higher than projected enrolment. The emergency Tech Support budget increased to deal with replacing servers and various system security risks. Also, the snow clearing budget has been created to improve the safety level of school district sites. Budget consultation and engagement with stakeholders is ongoing.



SD46 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

For some good news check out Student Trustee Cael Read's February Board meeting report you can read it on page 28 of the February 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting agenda.

NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

The next public Board Meeting is on February 14, 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](#)
- Regular Board Meeting YouTube live stream: [SD46 YouTube Live Stream](#)

Board Committee meetings are scheduled for February 27, 2024 at the School Board Office.