



TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2024

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COMPASSIONATE SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP

For the past two years, the Sunshine Coast School District trustees and staff have been working with Provincial trainers and learning more about this model of leadership. In late May DPAC and Sunshine Coast Schools' parents and caregivers gathered for a working session on 'how to start the school year in a good way' through a Compassionate Systems Leadership lens with facilitator Caroline Picard. It was a lovely night of connection and growth.

TRUSTEE SCHOOL TOURS

Another highlight of the trustees' school year is the school tours. On June 3 we had the opportunity to visit the last of the school sites on our four-day tour schedule this Spring. These annual trustee school visits provide a wonderful opportunity for recognition, appreciation, and support for the outstanding work happening in SD46 schools and departments.

GRADUATION

Grade 12 students from Chatelech, Elphinstone, Pender Harbour and Sunshine Coast Alternative school will be graduating at the end of June. This cohort of students is remarkable in many ways, not least because their first year of high school life was interrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic. In March 2020, Sunshine Coast schools did not open after spring break as a Provincial state of emergency had begun. Schools were opened for children of essential workers in early April, then on June 1 all students were welcomed back for part-time in class sessions. Our 2024 graduates learned to adapt, demonstrated resilience, and they offer us a vision of hope for the future. We will be attending the Sunshine Coast secondary schools graduation ceremonies to celebrate our 2024 graduating classes.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Board of Education has adopted the following Theory of Action, recommended by the Strategic Plan Writing Team, as the aspirational student learning goal:

"We believe that when we create authentic and inclusive learning environments, then we will enhance each student's development of the core competencies overtime."

The Board has also agreed to move forward with the nine strategies recommended in the Writing Team's report.

To support our discussions of the new Strategic Plan around the board table, we have been using the metaphor of a canoe journey with many paddlers; we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September and to embarking upon the 2024-2025 journey with new paddlers and the renewed energy of the 2024-2029 strategic plan.





PAC TRUSTEE ENGAGEMENT 2024 FEEDBACK SURVEY

For the past couple of weeks PAC and DPAC members have had the opportunity to participate in a survey that will provide information to the Board of Education on trustee PAC engagement. We are looking forward to reading the results of the survey.

DISTRICT STUDENT LEADERSHIP FORUM

On May 23 trustees attended the Spring Forum at Chatelech Secondary. Students, teachers, principals, district staff, and trustees gathered for a day of learning, discussion and listening to student voices. Both the Fall and Spring Forum were highlights of the year for trustees.



SD 46 STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Check out Student Trustee Cael Read's June Board Meeting report to stay up to date with Sunshine Coast Secondary School activities.

[Student Trustee Report - June 2024](#)



SD46 STUDENT TRUSTEE

The June 12 Board of Education monthly meeting was the last one for our student trustee, Cael Read. In his report he reflected on his thirteen year journey with Sunshine Coast School District. He had some inspiring words for the board:

"Over thousands of hours, students have learned, and grown together, becoming the people who now prepare to head out into the world. This month the DSLT hosted the Spring Forum, bringing together students from grades 6-12, staff, and trustees to talk about the future of our District. It was a great opportunity to have discussions, and the insights from those discussions have shown how vital our new Strategic Plan is as we set our course forward. Now is the time to be bold, and work together as a District to shape the future we want to see. It has been an incredible honour to serve as the Student Trustee, and I am thankful to the Board for the opportunity to represent the students of our District".

We will miss Student Trustee Read at the board table and wish him all the best for the future. In September we will look forward to welcoming the new student trustee chosen by the District Student Leadership Team.

MAJOR CAPITAL APPLICATION

At the June Board of Education meeting, trustees supported the SD46 management application to the Ministry of Education and Childcare for three major capital projects:

GIBSONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - EXPANSION TO INCLUDE FOUR ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS TO ACCOMMODATE GROWING ENROLLMENT.

SECHLT ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL BUILDING - SEISMIC RETROFIT TO ENHANCE EARTHQUAKE RESILIENCE.

CEDAR GROVE ELEMENTARY - CHILDCARE FACILITY AT CEDAR GROVE ELEMENTARY TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Parents are invited to attend the Board of Education meetings: the next public Board Meeting is September 11, 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 June 25, 2024 and September 24 at at the School Board Office.

Starting in September we will be trialing 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