

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.46 (SUNSHINE COAST)

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT: PARTNERSHIPS

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Goal 3c: Our district will pursue opportunities that enhance collaboration and deepen **partnerships** throughout our local and global community.

“Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; Indeed it is the only thing that has.”
— Margaret Mead

Overview:

As we consider our SD46 circles of care, Students, Staff, and Community, our partners play an integral role in supporting our children.

We are fortunate in SD46 to have strong partnerships that span across a variety of agencies. These connections allow for rich support and resources and help to hold children and youth at the centre of all that we do.

Synopsis of this Year’s Initiatives:

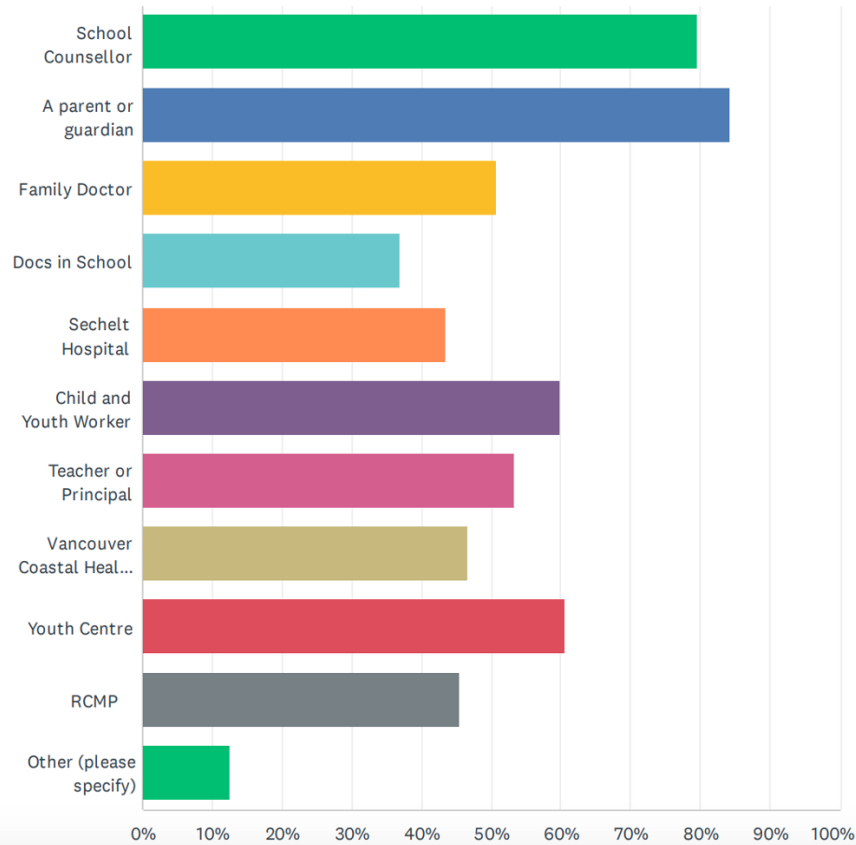
- Partners with SD 48 Sea to Sky and Northern Lights College: Grade 11 & 12 Students to begin their ECE Assistant certification
- Local Action Team - Partners with VCH, shishahl nation, CYMH, MCFD, SCCS: Monthly networking meetings
- Integrated Team - Partners with VCH, shishahl nation, CYMH, MCFD, SCCS: Sunshine Coast Collaborative Care inter-agency conference - mental health and substance use.
- Mental Health and Substance Use Panel - Partners with VCH, shishahl nation, CYMH, MCFD, SCCS: Responding to data from survey, planning grade 7 panels
- Docs in schools: Partners with CYMH and Division of Family Practice. Bi-weekly clinics at Chatelech and Elphinstone
- Foundry: Partners with lead agency, SCCS. Ongoing planning and partnership to embark on initial steps

Data Analysis and Review:

The data below was based on 205 responses from grade 8 students. It indicates that students can identify a range of people they can reach out to and it includes adults within the school as well as adults in outside agencies.

Q4 Where can you go for mental health support in our community? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 152 Skipped: 51



Resources/Budget:

Resources with LAT partnerships are typically in kind - time.

Substance Use and Mental Health Panels – Pre-session workshop with the SCSUMH through the Mental Health in Schools grant

Emerging Areas of Need:

We have excellent partnerships among a wide range of community partners. Emerging area of need continues to be finding ways to highlight to school teams how to access partners/agencies in the most efficient mode. Reciprocally, with continued partnerships we hope to help our outside agencies better understand our response to intervention.

Adaptations/Next Steps:

Dual Credit Project: ECE courses for Grade 11/12 students begin on January 6th 2023. Practical work within the Seamless day and Strong Start centres.

Child and Youth Mental Health Local Action Team: Continue to collaborate and network monthly to deepen our understanding of the services available on the Sunshine Coast.

Integrated Team: Sunshine Coast Collaborative Care Conference to take place on November 3rd 2022. There are 110 registrants. Data will be gathered from the conference to inform the committee of next steps. It is anticipated that the committee will be establishing a visual/flow chart of community resources that will show an efficient and barrier free path to supports for children and youth on the Sunshine Coast.

Docs in Schools – Family Practitioner and CYMH Clinician will continue on bi-weekly cycle at Elphinstone and Chatelech Secondary schools. VCH Nurse Practitioner continue on site weekly at Pender Harbour. For SCAS, VCH youth advisor and SCCS Child Care Workers are on site regularly to connect with students and staff.

Substance Use and Mental Health Grade 7 Panels: The committee will meet in the new year to examine the Grade 8 follow-up survey data and plan steps based on analysis of this information.

Foundry Sunshine Coast: SD46 will continue to partner with Community Services (lead), VCH, Division of Family Practice, MCFD, shíshálh nation, and the Foundry organization itself as this initiative moves forward. Immediate next steps for Foundry include exploration of site possibilities and consultation with youth voices. SD46 will attend many of the planning meetings.

