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46 BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The following is a Synopsis of a recent school district board meeting. Formal minutes are published and are available on the school district website: www.sd46.bc.ca/Board

Board Meetings

School Board Meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each school month. The meetings start at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office, located at 494 South Fletcher Road in Gibsons unless noted below.

If you wish to make a presentation at a meeting, contact Colleen McPhedran at 604-886-4492.

December 13, 2011 Board Meeting



Celebrating Education! Highlighting Elphinstone Secondary's Senior Girls' Volleyball Team

Fred Thorsell, Principal of Elphinstone Secondary School, proudly introduced the Elphinstone Senior Girls' Volleyball team and one of their coaches, Ms. Jane Ostashek.

The team, as described by Mr. Thorsell, is "students first, athletes second." The girls have all exhibited their dedication to their studies and the team, both off and on the volleyball court. Several of the girls took this opportunity to speak of their experiences this past season.

Trustees congratulated the team and the coaches on capturing the 2011 Senior Division 1 Championship. Well done!

2011 - 2012 Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

Next Meetings:

January 10

February 14

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

Committee meetings which are open to the public will be advertised on the school district website under "Board Meetings"

School Trustees

- Silas White, Chair 604-886-8668
- Betty Baxter, Vice-Chair 604-885-8839
- Lori Dixon 604-885-2728
- Lori Pratt..... 604-885-3808
- Dave Mewhort..... 604-885-4546
- Greg Russell 604-886-8388
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Strategic Plan 2009-2012 Update...

The Sunshine Coast Alternative Programs, ACE-IT and SPIDER, were highlighted. Students' strengths are supported in ways to help them achieve their goals. For more information on Alternative Education programs in the district, check out the Alternative School website at:

<http://fc.sd46.bc.ca/scasweb/>

Pender Harbour Playground...

Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the recent Ministry of Education announcement regarding playground equipment. Pender Harbour Elementary-Secondary School has qualified for a \$50,000 grant for playground equipment.

Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses...

Secondary school representatives presented several courses to the Board for endorsement:

Psychology 12

Restricted Radio Operator's Certificate 11

Applications for Learning 10

Applications for Learning 11

Applications for Learning 12

All courses were approved by the Board and will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for inclusion in the approved courses offered to students on the Sunshine Coast.

Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning...

Chair Silas White invited discussion on this Community Plan. All school boards in BC have been asked to endorse the plan.

Trustees requested additional information and put this topic on a future agenda. At that time the decision to endorse it will be made.

Announcements / Updates...

- **Local bargaining** has been completed with the Sunshine Coast Teachers' Association.
- **Greg Kitchen** has been hired as Assistant Superintendent. He will be joining our district in January 2012. (News release available to peruse on the school district website.)
- Thanks and appreciation was extended to **Stewart Hercus**, interim Assistant Superintendent and previously interim Facilities Manager – all roles he stepped up to help the district with after his retirement as Superintendent.
- Recent visit to our school district by **Minister of Education George Abbott** was reported on.
- The recent **Trustee Academy**, sponsored by BCSTA was attended by most trustees.

Your New Board...



L-R front row: Christine Younghusband, Silas White, Lori Pratt; L-R back row: Betty Baxter, Dave Mewhort, Greg Russell, Lori Dixon