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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.

September 13, 2011 Board Meeting



WE ENVISION One Coast: Together in Nature, Culture and Community

Kerry Mahlman, District Principal in School District No. 46 and **Julie Clark**, Education and Outreach Coordinator with the Sunshine Coast Regional District, provided a brief outline of the proposed plan for the Sunshine Coast.

Ms. Mahlman and Ms. Clark explained the discussion paper that outlines 13 issues that are important to residents on the Sunshine Coast. Trustees and school staffs are encouraged to provide feedback to them.

The input that is gathered will help shape a final sustainability plan to guide local decision makers, organizations and other individuals toward our best possible future.

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

Next Meetings:

October 11

November 8	December 13
January 10, 2012	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"

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Mark Heidebrecht, Principal of Pender Harbour Secondary School, presented *Technology as Part of Effective Communication in our Schools*.

Schools make use of various communication tools that can enhance student learning. Teacher blogs and the new school district website (www.sd46.bc.ca) were highlighted in his presentation.

Parents are encouraged to log on to their child's school site and view the options available to them. You can access all school sites at:

<http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/schools>

Strategic Plan 2009-2012...

The Board's Strategic Plan was reviewed in October 2010 and a business plan to carry out its objectives was created. Each month elements in the plan will be reported on by senior management.

At the September meeting, **Patrick Bocking**, Superintendent, spoke about Social Responsibility and **John Pritchard**, Interim Secretary-Treasurer, reported on the Audited Budget Approval.

At the October Board Meeting, the Five-Year Capital Plan and Technology Plan will be presented.

School District 46 Startup...

School startup went smoothly; transportation needs are being met and although the teacher job action is occurring, principals and non-teaching staff are ensuring that all students are safely supervised.

Enrolment numbers aren't finalized until the end of September, at which time all school districts do their data collection. At the moment, some schools are showing a slight decline in enrolment, while others have increased in student population.

Trustee Resignation...

Trustee Ken Sinnott has submitted his resignation as a trustee in School District No. 46 effective September 30th. Ken, who has been an advocate for children on the Coast and involved in many community organizations, had relocated to Surrey.

The Board and School District No. 46 staff wish him well in his future endeavours.

Sechelt Learning Centre...

Chair Silas White provided an update on the consultations that have taken place relating to future design options for the Sechelt Learning Centre. Additional consultations will take place after the fall election when the newly elected board will have an opportunity to review the options.

Community Forum on Educational Opportunities...

The Thursday, October 6th forum that was scheduled will be postponed. As this is to be an educational forum and the board values the input from its teachers, it will be rescheduled to a later date.

Information on a new date will be published on the school district's website.