



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (SUNSHINE COAST)**

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on April 22, 2015 at 1:00 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband, Chair; Lori Dixon; Pammila Ruth;
Betty Baxter

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Carolyn Spence, Principal;
Vanessa White, District Principal; Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary;
Louise Herle

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Kitchen, Assistant Superintendent; Lenora Joe

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m.

1. Safe Schools

District Principal, Vanessa White, provided information regarding the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) results from 2014. The MDI is a self-reporting questionnaire administered to students in grade 4 and grade 7, that serves to understand and assess how children are thriving based on five areas of development: physical health, sense of connectedness, social emotional development, school experiences and the use of after school time. District Principal White reported that she personally oversaw the questionnaire to all grade 4 classes and was impressed by the students' serious attention to the questions. The committee reviewed district and community summary data - available online at <http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/maps/mdi/nh/sd46/>. Results from the 2015 questionnaire have not yet been released. There are plans to review the data with students once it has been received.

District Principal White shared information regarding the McCreary Adolescent Health Survey debrief, which will be taking place on April 24th at the Seaside Centre. The survey is administered to 30 students and is conducted by the McCreary Centre Society, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.

2. Educational Adjustments - Calendar

Superintendent Bocking provided an update on calendar adjustments in light of the shorter 2015/16 school year and the recently approved two-week spring break. He indicated that the district continues to meet with CUPE representatives in an attempt to minimize the impact of the reduced school year on CUPE employees. SCTA President, Louise Herle, reported that consultation with teachers continues to take place and that the association is surveying members to gauge their agreement regarding changes to the length of the school day. A ratification vote is underway and results will be available by April 28. It was acknowledged that decisions concerning the implementation of adding additional minutes to the school day would be addressed at the school level under the authority of the school principal and in consultation with teachers and staff.

The committee discussed timelines and implementation.

3. Parent Engagement

The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23. District Principal, Kerry Mahlman, will provide an update on Aboriginal Education. DPAC will also be looking to approve recent changes to their constitution and bylaws, as well as spending approvals for their gaming funds. DPAC has reminded PACs to review their own constitution and bylaws. Trustee Younghusband indicated that Bill 11 might require further changes to constitutional language around School Planning Councils.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the School Board Office.