



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on May 24, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter, Chair; Dave Mewhort; Greg Russell; Lori Pratt; Christine Younghusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Pammila Ruth, Trustee; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1) Trustee Evaluation Process / Survey

Chair Baxter proposed a format for the Board Evaluation survey consisting of 4 sections, one section for each of the three areas of focus of the strategic plan (students, staff and community) and one section to evaluate the board as a whole. Trustee Younghusband suggested motivating each section to consider: what's going well, how can it be better, and how can the board help to facilitate improvements. The results of the Board Evaluation Survey will be shared during the June Closed Board Meeting, with any recommendation being disclosed to the public after the debrief. Trustees requested that the results from the 2014-2015 Board Evaluation Survey be available for discussion as well. Chair Baxter further requested that a summary of trustee attendance at board and committee meetings be reviewed at the closed meeting to determine if an adjustment to the meeting schedule is needed to facilitate trustee attendance.

2) Trustee Variance Process Update

Superintendent Bocking spoke to the written report submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Weswick in his absence. Trustees engaged in a discussion and suggested that the district approach the municipalities for recommendations as a first step in the process.

RECOMMENDATION:

“That the Board direct the Secretary-Treasurer to initiate the Trustee Variance Process by soliciting recommendations from local governments. Recommendations proposed by local governments will be brought back to the September Committee of the Whole for consideration in determining options for variations to the Trustee Electoral Areas.”

3) Communication (*standing item*)

Trustees reviewed the Board Communication Plan. A request was made that feedback from the Transportation Consultation for the Pender Harbour area be brought back to the June Operations Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 21st, 2016 from 10:30-12:30 pm at the School Board Office