



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

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES
Held on November 25, 2015 from 1:00-2:30 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.**

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband (Chair), Pammila Ruth
STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction, Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Phil Luporini, District Principal of Careers and Technology; Carolyn Spence, Principal; David Barnum, Curriculum and Transitions Coordinator; Louise Herle, SCTA; Johanna Rzepa, Erica Reimer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Trustees Lori Dixon and Betty Baxter

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. Immunization / Mature Minor Consent / Regulation 1820 (Student Health)

Director White shared a request from Vancouver Coastal Health to revise Regulation 1820 (Student Health) to allow for consent for immunizations by a Mature Minor. Johanna Rzepa, Vancouver Coastal Health, provided information on the definition of a Mature Minor and indicated that health nurses are trained to assess the maturity of a minor.

The committee discussed what age students would be considered under the Mature Minor language. Ms. Rzepa indicated that a health nurse would not typically consider a grade 6 student as a Mature Minor, however could consider a grade 9 student as a Mature Minor depending on his/her assessment of the student. She further reported that according to the *Infant Act*, Mature Minor consent takes precedent over parental consent.

The committee discussed the suggested revision. An additional suggestion was made to include language to indicate that reasonable efforts will be made to obtain parental consent for immunizations. The committee discussed the regulations requirement that a copy of consent documents be held at the school. The committee recommended the requirement be removed as the consent documents are kept on file with the public health office.

2. Strategic Plan: Goal 1.i – Technology Plan

District Principal Luporini reported that:

- the district is switching to the Next Generation Network, which will allow for improvements in wireless capabilities at all sites.
- *Guiding Principles for Electronic and Social Media Communication for Students* (http://tech.sd46.bc.ca/%20Guiding_Principles_For_Electronic_And_Social_Media_Comm.pdf) is reviewed at all schools on a yearly basis.
- transition to Palo Alto Firewall allows for more discretion and control over network security.
- outdated technology is a hurdle for staff and students.

The committee discussed students' use of technology, the guided principles document, access to computer coding opportunities and the use of popular device applications by other

school districts. Information was shared regarding the upcoming Hour of Code on December 7-13, 2015 and the iOS Summit on January 23, 2016 at Mulgrave School.

3. District Celebrations / Inspirational Achievement Award

The committee provided suggestions for ways in which to celebrate and showcase achievements in the school district, including the use of YouTube videos and the local Coast Cable channel. Louise Herle, SCTA President, shared teacher feedback noting that teachers' preference is to celebrate all teachers rather than one single individual. There was a general consensus that the previous award model should be restructured. The committee discussed the benefit of recognizing contributions of community members and organizations outside of the school district that support education. Trustee Younghusband agreed to take the committee's feedback to the board chair for further discussion.

4. Grad Survey

Director Bishop provided an overview of the 2015 Grad Survey results. The survey saw a total of 303 respondents, 211 of whom graduated prior to 2015. The four most enrolled post secondary institutions for Sunshine Coast graduates are Capilano University, University of Victoria, BC Institute of Technology and the University of British Columbia. The committee discussed primary factors for graduation as being student engagement and relationships.

5. Curriculum (*standing item*)

Curriculum Coordinator, David Barnum, provided an update. An Education Implementation meeting is set for December 1st. The meeting will be well attended by 23 teachers, the curriculum coordinator, Principal Gregory Walters, Director Bishop, Director White and Superintendent Bocking. The team will look at planning the non-instructional day planned for January 4th. Principals are being surveyed to identify the needs of their staff to support the curriculum change. Information on the new curriculum can be found at <http://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>.

6. Parent Engagement (*standing item*)

The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2015 and will take place at Pender Harbour Elementary Secondary School.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the School Board Office.