



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on January 24th, 2017 from 9:30-12:00 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Betty Baxter (Committee Chair), Dave Mewhort, Pammila Ruth, Lori Pratt, Greg Russell, Christine Youngusband

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; Carolyn Smith, CUPE Local 801; Janice Budgell, CUPE Local 801; Paddy McCallum, SCTA; Louise Herle, SCTA; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

1. Strategic Plan: 2.a. - Professional Development

Goal 2.a.: Our staff will be fully supported for the work that we ask of them and that they ask of themselves through research-based professional development.

Janice Budgell, CUPE Local 801, shared information on the process for accessing CUPE Professional Development funds. CUPE employees are able to request reimbursement from the \$15,000 bargained fund on a first come, first serve basis. The majority of CUPE's professional development funds are accessed by Educational Assistants, often for first aid training. Funds have also been used to enable employees to attend conferences and for upgrading credit requirements. The district has offered CPI and mental first aid training on district professional development days, along with support for the new curriculum. A longhouse visit has been arranged for CUPE employee for the professional development day taking place in May. The district is considering other opportunities for professional development, including "Play it Fair" and "Positive Discipline" programs over the spring break.

Paddy McCallum, SCTA, reported on teacher professional development goals for the 2016/17 school year, including:

- Supports for early career teachers
- Mentorships for new teachers
- Increasing Local Specialists Associations (LSAs)
- Program for Quality Teaching Grant for Secondary Teachers

- District Day

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found in the meeting package at:

http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/16-17_BoardMeetings/cmtes/20170124-CoW_Agenda.pdf

2. Strategic Plan: 3.d - Local Governments

Goal 3.d.: Our district will support enhanced visioning and cohesive planning with local governments.

Chair Baxter reported that the district continues to work towards their goal of enhanced visioning and cohesive planning by:

- Working with the District of Sechelt for improved access to Kinnikinnick from the West Sechelt area,
- Taking part in Intergovernmental Meetings with local governments and Vancouver Coastal Health,
- Meeting with the SCR D Chair and Vice-Chair on a quarterly schedule,
- Inviting local politicians to take part in school tours, and
- Requesting feedback and encouraging participation from local officials for the Trustee Electoral Area Variance and Long Range Facilities Plan.

3. School Calendar

Director Bishop spoke to feedback received through an online survey regarding the two-week spring break. The district received a total of 1012 responses to the survey, the majority of which were favourable to the extended break (see attached). The committee discussed the distribution of the survey, the survey results, the impact of the extended break to CUPE and vulnerable students. The committee suggested sharing the feedback specific to day camp options with community schools, SCR D and YMCA. The district intends to offer professional development opportunities over the spring break to offset salary loss by CUPE employees.

Director Bishop shared draft school calendars for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years with the committee. He reported that input from SCTA professional development committee will be included in the final version of the calendars. The committee debated the need to establish more than one calendar year.

Recommendation:

“To accept the proposed calendar for the 2107-18 school year”

4. Trustee Electoral Areas

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick shared feedback solicited from local governments and suggested next steps. The committee shared their thoughts on the process, including the requirement to revise electoral areas and debated the requirement for additional public consultation. It was suggested that a special meeting be held to ensure that

trustees have adequate time to consider the process and develop a plan for moving forward.

5. Regulation 1730- Process for Administrative Regulations (revised)

Secretary-Treasurer Weswick indicated that a process to repeal regulations had been included in revisions to the regulation.

6. Communication Plan (standing item)

Due to time constraints, the committee did not review the communication plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 28 from 10:30 to 12:00 pm at the School Board Office.

Special Committee of the Whole scheduled for Tuesday, January 31 from 10:30 to 12:00 pm at the School Board Office.