



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

POLICY COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on February 28, 2017 from 9:30-10:30 am
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

PRESENT: TRUSTEES: Christine Younghusband (Committee Chair), Lori Pratt,
Betty Baxter, Pammila Ruth

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Nicholas Weswick,
Secretary-Treasurer; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Paul Bishop,
Director of Instruction; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording
Secretary)

REGRETS: Dave Mewhort, Trustee; Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Russell, Trustee;
Carolyn Smith, CUPE Local 801; Sarah Bradley, DPAC

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

1. Corporate Policy

The committee considered:

- Feedback from PACs and DPAC on the topic of corporate sponsorships,
- Policies developed by other school boards across the province,
- Expectation that the ministry provides full funding to support schools,
- Lack of support for corporate agendas on the coast,
- Individual needs of schools and the motivation for fundraising,
- Policy must inform administration on the board's values and provide direction for the regulation.

The committee reviewed policy language submitted by Trustee Younghusband and suggested changes. The full policy, including markup, is attached to these notes.

RECOMMENDATION:

"That Policy 19 be updated as follows:

19. PARTNERSHIPS AND/OR CORPORATES SPONSORSHIPS

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages partnership arrangements and corporate sponsorships between the school district and community in form of donations of equipment and funds to enhance learning opportunities . The school environment must be preserved for sound educational activities and resources to

protect the welfare of students and the integrity of the learning environment in their school and not for commercial gain.

In order for any partnership or corporate sponsorship to be successful in a school community, the balance of respective responsibilities and benefits must be fully understood by all parties and established in accordance to regulations.”

The committee recommended that the agenda setting committee consider:

- Updating the preamble to include a statement that clarifies the board’s expectation that the provincial government provides full funding for curricular matters.
- Developing a “Role of the PAC / DPAC” policy

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 28th from 11:30 to 1:00 pm at the School Board Office.

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The Board of ~~School Trustees of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)~~ Education welcomes and encourages partnership arrangements and corporate sponsorships between the school district and ~~the~~ community in form of donations of equipment and funds to enhance learning opportunities ~~because they can contribute to broader educational opportunities than those otherwise available~~. The ~~school classroom~~ environment, ~~however~~, must be preserved for sound educational activities and resources to protect the welfare of students and the integrity of the learning environment in their school and not for commercial gain.

~~19.1~~—In order for any partnership or corporate sponsorship to be successful in a school community, the balance of respective responsibilities and benefits must be fully understood by all parties and established in accordance to regulations. ~~environment, it must be based on an appropriate balance of the following, determined through consultation with the school community:~~

~~the obligation conferred on educators to protect the welfare of students and the integrity of the learning environment in their classrooms;~~

~~the educational opportunities provided.~~

Board Policy: December 2010

Revised: