



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held on March 29, 2017 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Vanessa White, Director of
Instruction; Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; David Barnum, Transitions
Coordinator; Louise Herle, SCTA; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

1. Curriculum (standing item)

Transitions Coordinator David Barnum provided an update and reported that:

- Updates to curriculum and assessment had been circulated before spring break,
- David Barnum and Principals Rive and Kerr attended a metro working group to discuss core competencies and self assessments,
- Core competency posters had been developed to display in classrooms to act as a discussion point for teachers and students,
- Students will be reflecting on their own core competencies for the final report cards. At this time, the requirement to record the information in the students' file is unclear.

2. Strategic Plan 1.e. Mental and Physical Health

Goal: Our students will be supported in learning skills and awareness to manage their mental and physical health.

Director White reported on the district's processes for suicide intervention and violent threat assessment. When emergency situations arise, staff are guided by regulations 1740 (Responding to Suicidal Behaviour) and 1745 (Responding to a Threat of Potential Violent Behaviour). Both regulations use a variety of assessments in order to provide the appropriate interventions based on a case-by-case basis. The district plans to update regulation 1740 to include information on non-suicidal self-harm. Student support staff remain involved with the Child Youth Mental Health Substance-Use (CYMHSU) collaborative which aims to provide easier access to mental health supports for youth and families.

Under the topic of physical health, Director White reported on sexual health education taking place through the district, including that provided through the HACE (Health and Career Education) curriculum. HACE and physical education teachers have received specific training opportunities on sexual health education. All elementary schools have chosen to engage Jessica Wollen of SHIFT Education to provide Body Science and Sexual Health Education classes to students in grades 6/7.

The committee discussed suicide prevention supports and suggested that the suicide resource guide be reviewed and updated. The committee commented on the benefits of sexual orientation and gender identity education for parents.

3. Strategic Plan 3.g. Post-Secondary Partnerships

Goal: Our district will deepen our partnership with Capilano University and further our connections with other post-secondary institutions.

Director Bishop shared information on the ENG 100 course being offered at Elphinstone Secondary, through which successful students can earn a first year post-secondary credit. The course is co-taught by a SCTA teacher and a Capilano University instructor. The district will consider other dual credit courses, including MATH 100, once the current program's success has been determined.

Director Bishop also spoke to the partnership with SFU for Nature Based Education and the partnership with Vancouver Island University (VIU) to support ITA opportunities and Youth in Trades (formerly ACE-IT) programs.

The committee discussed the ACE-IT carpentry program and the progress at the Wilson Creek Habitat for Humanity site, the pros and cons of offering dual credit courses, and opportunities for students in dual credit courses to visit post-secondary institutions.

4. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking reported that teachers are considering the reporting requirement for core competencies and that a facilitated discussion had been arranged for early May at Roberts Creek Elementary.

- DPAC at Chatelech Secondary Library at 7:00 pm on April 27th
- Trustee Electoral Area (TEA) Consultation at Chatelech Secondary Library at 6:00 pm on March 29th

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 25th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the School Board Office.