



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent, Paul Bishop, Director of Instruction; Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer; David Barnum, District Transitions Coordinator; Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Carolyn Smith, Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801; Diane Wagner, Recording Secretary.

REGRETS: Trustee L. Dixon

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

1. Implementation Plan: Year 2

Superintendent Bocking provided a summary of the four-year implementation plan of the Strategic Plan goals and identified work planned during Year 2 of the plan. Handouts were distributed and district staff shared information on various activities taking place in support of the plan's goals.

Highlights included:

- CARE Project: this initiative will bring together school teams to meet once a month to talk about reading supports and to share mindsets and values around reading.
- Update on Financial Planning initiatives.
- Superintendent Bocking and Director White will present on gender equity at an upcoming BCSSA meeting.
- Several newsletters and pamphlets have been developed. The first parent engagement newsletter has been published and distributed.
- A district wide transportation review is planned for the 2016/17 year.
- The draft Joint-Use Agreement will be distributed to committee members for review and presented at the October Operations Committee meeting for consideration.
- Principal Brisebois and Director Bishop are attending an international education conference in China.
- An Intergovernmental Meeting has been called for October 11, 2016.
- Community School coordinators and principals are scheduled to meet and will be creating an informational pamphlet for publication in the fall.
- District Principal Mahlman is working on the Enhancement Agreement. A longhouse visit by CUPE staff is also in the works.
- Elphinstone Secondary is piloting a dual credit English 100 course
- In January 2017, Capilano University will be offering full year university courses on the coast.

2. Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

Chair Baxter requested feedback from the committee in preparation for this year's submission to the Select Standing Committee.

Comments included:

- Social and Emotional funding to be highlighted.
- Focus on Early Years to support the students before they arrive.
- Funding to support downloaded costs, e.g.: the provincial network.
- Highlight the need for additional funding to train EAs for the new curriculum, outside of non-instructional days.
- Improve Student Mental Health support.
- Request for parent education funds.

Chair Baxter will draft a letter based on input from the committee.

3. Communication Plan

Superintendent Bocking invited comments on the communication plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2016 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the School Board Office.