



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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTES

Held on November 22nd, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 am
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

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

REGRETS: Dave Mewhort, Trustee; Lori Dixon, Trustee; Greg Russell, Trustee; Carolyn
Smith, CUPE Local 801; Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. Strategic Plan: 2.h. Safe and Healthy Schools (Cultural)

Goal 2.h. Our staff will thrive with their student in safe and healthy schools where everyone feels respected for their individual gifts and contributions.

Director White provided a report on the cultural aspects of the strategic plan goal and noted that:

- Two LGTBQ initiatives, *Call Out* and *Out in Schools*, took place in the previous school year and touch back sessions would occur in the current year.
- *Out in Schools* are returning in February for school wide assemblies for students in grades 6-12.
- Gay Straight Alliances (GSA) are active in school communities and will be participating in cross-school field trip.
- All schools are reviewing their codes of conduct.
- Gender-neutral bathrooms continue to be a priority.
- Training has occurred at all schools as part of the *Mentors in Violence Prevention* (MVP) program, with additional training to be provided in early December. The program will be delivered through the HACE curriculum.
- Students are expressing themselves in a way that suggests they feel comfortable in schools.

- Director White and Roberts Creek Community School Coordinator, Stacia Leech, attended a session by CARE for Teachers. The district is considering a “train the trainer” program.

The committee discussed the MVP program, student codes of conduct and various other topics.

Director White presented a short video featuring Jackson Katz on the topic of violence against women:

https://www.ted.com/talks/jackson_katz_violence_against_women_it_s_a_men_s_issue

2. Communication Plan

The committee reviewed the plan and recommended:

- Adding “Auditors” to May Operations Committee
- School Visits – A request was made that trustees visit the Gibsons Heritage Building as part of the school tours.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 13 from 9:30 to 12:00 pm at the School Board Office.