



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE NOTES

Held on November 23rd, 2016 from 3:30-5:00 pm
At the School Board Office, Gibsons, B.C.

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

STAFF/OTHERS: Patrick Bocking, Superintendent; Paul Bishop, Director of
Instruction; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Sandy Magnussen, Special
Education Technology Coordinator; Phil Luporini, District Principal of
Technology and Data Management; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant
(Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Louise Herle, SCTA President; Carolyn Spence, SCAS
Principal

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

1. Strategic Plan: 1.i. Technology

Goal 1.b.: Our students will have the technical and social skills to navigate current and emerging technologies to enrich their learning.

District Principal Luporini shared information on advances and future plans for the district's technology department, and reported that:

- The transition of the Next Generation Network (NGN) is almost complete with only one school remaining.
- Computer hardware has been replaced at most elementary school.
- The NGN will allow for improvements in the way the district stores data.
- Security systems are in place to locate lost computers, internet safety guidelines are continually updated, and storage and file retention guidelines are being reviewed to ensure the district meets the requirements of FIPPA.
- Changes in the coming year include a transition to cloud based storage, the new Office 2016, changes to calendars and email systems, as well as district and school websites.

District Principal Luporini provided a demonstration of the new Outlook email application.

Special Education Technology Coordinator, Sandy Magnussen, demonstrated two applications that have been introduced to the district, *Snap and Read* and *Co-Writer*. The applications use assistive technologies that can improve access to the curriculum for students who may find them useful. Trustees discussed the use of these applications.

2. Curriculum (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking shared information from the government's curriculum website (curriculum.gov.bc.ca) and reported that implementation of the K-9 curriculum was in effect. Districts across the province are requesting additional time before implementing the updated 10-12 curriculum, in order to be adequately prepared for the transition, however the district would be prepared for the transition should there be no change to the original implementation deadline. Superintendent Bocking further reported on changes to the FSA curricular assessment, information on which is also available to parents on the ministry's curriculum website.

3. Parent Engagement (standing item)

Superintendent Bocking reported that first term report cards were being sent home with students at week's end and that roughly one third of teachers are using FreshGrade as a reporting tool (Reporting Option A). The committee discussed support for parents using the FreshGrade application and asked if feedback from parents or a formal assessment would be sought at the end of the year. Superintendent Bocking agreed to contact the project lead and determine an appropriate time to report back to the board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 14 from 2:30 to 4:00 pm at the School Board Office.