



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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Held on December 14th, 2016 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
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; Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator; Carolyn Spence,
Principal; Vanessa White, Director of Instruction; Sharon Mackenzie, CUPE
Local 801; Erica Reimer, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

REGRETS: Lori Dixon, Trustee; Louise Herle, SCTA; David Barnum, Transitions
Coordinator; Carolyn Smith, CUPE Local 801; Marnie Baba, CUPE Local 801

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Goal 1.a.: Early Learning

Our students will enter kindergarten well prepared and with engaged, well informed parents invited to partner with their children's teachers through a comprehensive early learning program.

Kirsten Deasey, Early Learning Coordinator, provided an overview of the early learning programs offered through the district and highlighted the following:

- Imagination Library books have been provided to the food bank to ensure all families have access to reading materials;
- The Rotary Club has renewed their commitment to the Imagination Library program;
- "Pop-up" StrongStart centres are taking place in various locations on the Sunshine Coast;
- A pilot immigrant PALS program is underway, with training provided through the literacy council and collaboration with *Welcoming Communities*, to assist families that are new to Canada;
- Dawson Creek school district has adopted a model similar to the district's SPARK!10;

Parenting strategy courses being offered through the Early Years Council and Success by Six have proven to be very popular. Ms. Deasey shared a demonstration of the "Positive Discipline" course being offered to parents and teachers.

2. Regulation 3050 - Animals in Schools

Superintendent Bocking reviewed the regulation in response to a request to the agenda setting committee from earlier in the year. The committee discussed how animals, specifically dogs with service training, had been a positive addition to the classroom environment.

3. Regulation 2400 - Scholarships, District / Authority Awards and Bursaries

Director Bishop spoke to the revised regulation and reported that new language had been developed with input from district staff and school counsellors. Director Bishop intends to add information to the regulation to clarify the process to create an award or bursary.

The committee discussed the revisions and suggested that definitions be added to the regulation for clarification purposes.

4. Curriculum (*standing item*)

Director Bishop reported that metro principals would be meeting on January 26th to discuss transition to the new curriculum for grades 10-12.

5. Parent Engagement (*standing item*)

The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 26th at Chatelech Secondary School.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 25 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Office.