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46 BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The following is a Synopsis of a recent school district board meeting. Formal minutes are published and are available on the school district website: www.sd46.bc.ca/Board

Board Meetings

School Board Meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each school month. The meetings start at 7:00 PM at the School Board Office, located at 494 South Fletcher Road in Gibsons unless noted below.

If you wish to make a presentation at a meeting, contact Colleen McPhedran at 604-886-4492.

June 14, 2011 Board Meeting



Special Presentation to Superintendent Deborah Palmer

The Paull Family Singers of the Sechelt Indian Band visited the Board Room prior to the meeting to perform an "Honour Song" for outgoing Superintendent Deborah Palmer. The performers were Fran Paull, Lois Vader, Lee Dixon, Lori Dixon, Sarah Dixon, Anneke Vader, Isabel Dixon, Victoria Eccleston and Sophie Dixon.

Kerry Mahlman presented Deborah Palmer with an eagle feather and explained that when one receives an eagle feather, that person is being acknowledged with gratitude, love and ultimate respect. The holder of the feather must ensure that the feather is treated as something sacred.

2011 - 2012 Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

Next Meetings:

September 13	October 11
November 8	December 13
January 10, 2012	February 14
March 13	April 10
May 8	June 12

Committee meetings which are open to the public will be advertised on the school district website under "Board Meetings"

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District Literacy Plan...

Sandy Middleton (Literacy Outreach Coordinator at Capilano University), **Bev Craig** (School District Literacy Resource Teacher), **Bob Benmore** (School District Numeracy Resource Teacher) and **Kerry Mahlman** (District Principal, School District No. 46) presented the 2011 District Literacy Plan.

The Board approved the plan as presented.

School District 46 has a NEW WEBSITE!

The School District boasts a new website – visit www.sd46.bc.ca to view it.

Last fall the Board of Education endorsed the school district website makeover and thanks to the efforts of **Diane Wagner**, **Colleen McPhedran**, **Phil Luporini** and **John Clements**, the website was launched on June 11th.

School Growth Plans...

Assistant Superintendent Tom Hierck reported on the School Growth Plans at schools. These plans were presented to the Board of Education recently and were approved by the Board for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Board also passed a motion for a mid-year review of School Growth Plans in **January of each year**, allowing schools an opportunity to report on progress and/or any changes in direction.

Achievement Contract...

The Achievement Contract Summary was circulated and **Tom Hierck** provided additional information on the summary.

The 2009-2012 Achievement Contract was then approved in principle by the Board.

Update on Capital Project Bylaw...

Diane Ready, Secretary-Treasurer, announced that the **Full Day Kindergarten Classroom Space at Cedar Grove Elementary School** will be completed on schedule.

Trustees passed the amended bylaw for \$215,891.

Trustee Elections Bylaw...

Bylaw No. 8600 on *Trustee Elections* provides guidelines for trustee elections. This new bylaw will be included in the Board's *Policy and Procedures Manual*.

The Ministry of Education requested more evidence regarding public consultation to the proposed changes to School District No. 46 electoral areas. Local governments have been requested to send a written response to the Ministry of Education to confirm their lack of concern with the proposal for change to electoral areas.

DPAC / SD46 Fall Forum...

An educational forum will be held on **Thursday, October 6th at Chatelech Secondary School**.

Information was distributed in the agenda package and Trustee Scott and Superintendent Palmer encouraged parent participation at the event.



CONGRATS to 2011 Graduates and to all School District No. 46 Retirees! Best wishes for a safe and happy summer break. The first day of school is September 6 and the next board meeting is September 13.