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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 604-886-8811.

December 15, 2009 Board Meeting

Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement...

The School Act states that school districts must submit to the Ministry of Education a Report on Student Achievement from the Superintendent of Schools annually by January of each year. At its December 15, 2009 meeting, the Board of Education approved the Sunshine Coast School District report for the 2009-2010 school year. This report may be viewed in full at www.sd46.bc.ca

Highlights of the report include these areas of improvement:

- children whose parents attended three or more SPARK! sessions performed significantly better on the 2009-2010 Kindergarten Screen.
- the number of students deemed to be at risk with scores on the Kindergarten Screen decreased. We conclude that participation in early learning programs is beneficial for students.

Our current Achievement Contract is a three-year view with the main work to improve our assessment practice. We have also implemented restorative justice practices that allow us to deal with negative behaviour. Our goal is to ensure all of our students reach their individual potential and that we create avenues for each student to experience success.

Work is also underway on our first formal Enhancement Agreement and our Literacy Plan is aligned with that of the community.

2009 - 2010

Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

January 12, 2010	School Board Office
February 9, 2010	School Board Office
March 15, 2010	Sechelt Location TBA
April 13, 2010	School Board Office
May 11, 2010	School Board Office
June 8, 2010	School Board Office

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

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Engaging the Community...

The Board of Education received the submission on the problem of declining enrolment in elementary schools located in the Sechelt area. Previously, a committee comprised of representatives from Davis Bay, Sechelt, Kinnikinnick and West Sechelt Elementary Schools met for a total of 10 hours of consultation. The committee discussed the problems that have arisen from decreasing enrolment in schools.

Information from these meetings was published on our website and public presentations for further discussions occurred on December 1st and December 8th at Chatelech Secondary School. These two public meetings were well attended.

This December 15th Board meeting allowed the Board of Education to decide upon an option from those presented.

Trustees were given an opportunity to speak to the audience at this meeting. They spoke about the options presented, the diverse opinions received and the process of consultation with the communities involved.

The following Notice of Motion was made:

That a by-law to close Sechelt Elementary School in Sechelt, British Columbia be read for a first and second time at the January 12, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

Elections of Board Representatives...

The Board annually elects a Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair, BC Public School Employers' Association Representative and BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative. The following individuals were elected to these posts.

Board of Education Chair: *Silas White*

Board of Education Vice-Chair:... *Dave Mewhort*

BC Public School Employers' Association

Representative: *Dave Mewhort*

BC School Trustees' Association Provincial

Council Representative: *Lori Fielding*

Parent Advisory Councils...

On Monday, November 23rd a Parent Advisory Council Workshop was held at Chatelech Secondary School. It was well attended with representatives from all parent advisory councils in the district, principals, senior staff and trustees. **Sharon MacKenzie** is the parent contact for the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) and can be contacted for further information about DPAC.

Change Wars...

In mid-November administrators and several trustees attended the *Change Wars* Conference held in Vancouver. Trustee Russell commented on the quality of the conference – in particular, the featured speakers, one of them being our Assistant Superintendent, **Tom Hierck**. Tom's keynote presentation was entitled *The Heart of Education: Making a Difference*.

Events Calendar...

- January 4, 2010: schools reopen after winter vacation
- January 12, 2010: Regular Board Meeting at the School Board Office (494 South Fletcher Road, Gibsons)
- Late January: *The Wheat in the Barley* fine arts presentations at elementary schools

Inclement Weather...

Senior Management wishes to remind everyone that there could be a delayed school start during inclement weather.

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