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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.

March 16, 2010 Board Meeting

Destination ImagiNation...

Cedar Grove Elementary School Principal **Cathy McCubbin** spoke about the after-school program that was started at Cedar Grove Elementary School this year. The Destination ImagiNation Program involves over 50 students in one of seven Destination ImagiNation Teams. The students work collaboratively to solve some very challenging problems that require complex thinking, problem solving, teamwork and creativity.

Destination ImagiNation's educational goals are to foster creative and critical thinking, to develop teamwork, collaboration and leadership skills, and to nurture research and inquiry skills involving both creative exploration and attention to detail.



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Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

- 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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Full Day Kindergarten...

Deborah Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, provided an update on kindergarten registration in the school district. A questionnaire, regarding full day kindergarten versus half day kindergarten, is being completed by parents who register their child(ren). This information will provide an indication as to a logical place to offer a full day program in September 2010.

A full day program will continue to be offered at Kinnikinnick Elementary School.

Budget Update...

Diane Ready, Secretary-Treasurer commented that funding is being done differently than in past years. Updates on student funding, labour settlement funding and the Annual Facilities Grant were reported. The second installment of the Annual Facilities Grant will be received in March 2011.

In the past, \$50,000 has been allocated per year for earthquake preparedness and seismic upgrades. When the Annual Facilities Grant was cut last year, several major projects were underway and had to be completed. The funds had to be found from the operating accounts and, as a result, the funds targeted for earthquake supplies were used. The Provincial Government doesn't fund school districts for emergency preparedness, commented Chair White, who hoped that there are other ways that funding can be obtained.

The board approved the Gibsons Elementary School Project Identification Report. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC)...

Trustee Lori Fielding commented on the February 25, 2010 DPAC meeting. At the next meeting on March 25th, the budget and feedback regarding the budget process will be on the agenda.

Education Committee...

Trustee Jason Scott reported that Trustee Fran Heppell will join the Education Committee at its meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. Representatives from other municipal governments have been contacted about forming a Youth Advisory Council from the Sunshine Coast. This council would advise the politicians on various issues.

Policy Committee...

The Policy Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on April 13th, prior to the Closed Board Meeting.

Administrative Regulations...

Several regulations were presented for circulation: Regulation #1590 – Head Lice, Regulation #1850 – Student Records, Regulation (draft) – Information Technology: Terms of Use of Information Technology

Deborah Palmer, Superintendent, explained that Regulations #1590 and #1850 are going back into circulation for review and the draft regulation is a new regulation. All circulating regulations are placed on the school district website for eight weeks and the public is encouraged to provide input.

The preamble in Regulation #1590 will be examined by the Policy Committee to see if it should be part of Board Policy.

Next Meetings...

Regular Board Meeting: 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at the School Board Office.

Davis Bay Elementary School Grade Configuration Meeting: 6:15 PM, Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Chatelech Secondary School.

Budget Consultation Meeting: 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Chatelech Secondary School. This will be the only public consultation meeting – submissions are invited. Assurance was given that prior to any layoffs occurring in the school district, a meeting would take place with SCTA and CUPE Local 801 unions.