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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.

November 10, 2009 Board Meeting

2009 - 2010

Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

December 15, 2009	.....	Chatelech Secondary School
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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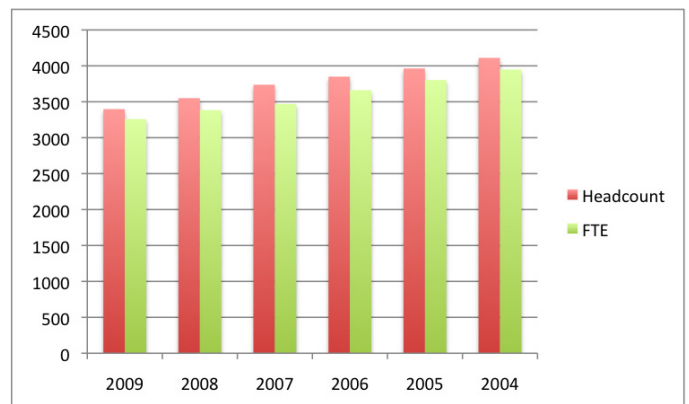


Student Artwork...

Each month schools have an opportunity to display student artwork in the Board Room. This month featured Cedar Grove and Sechelt Elementary School.

Enrolment Update...

The September 30, 2009 data collection has now been finalized. The Ministry of Education will be funding our school district for 3,258.4375 FTE (full-time equivalent) students. The headcount for funded students is 3,384 – down 167 students from last year’s September headcount of 3,551 students.



Ways to Support Students...

Deborah Palmer, Superintendent, reported on the following ways that students are supported in our schools:

- Small class size.
- Learning support in literacy and math.
- Small group activity to support students in the areas of fine motor, gross motor, social skills, speech and language.
- Lunch Club to provide a structured and supportive lunch session.
- Special Education teacher plans with classroom teacher to accommodate the IEP objectives in the classroom.
- Special Education teacher takes the class in order to release the teacher to meet with the Special Education Teaching Assistant (SETA) for planning purposes.
- Provide learning assistance blocks; pull out program – social skills, learning assistance, anxiety.
- Pull out small group support to enhance student's academic performance.
- Scribes and readers.
- Use of technology.
- Copy notes for study purposes or use at home.
- Give the classroom teacher a list of strategies to use; suggestions for adaptations.
- Counseling support.
- Match student to courses.
- Homework Club.
- Platooning.
- Team teaching.
- Covering teacher's class so teacher can assess individual students.
- Supervision.
- Release time provided for IEP meetings.
- Release time for report card collaboration for students with IEPs.
- Guided reading groups.
- Provide breaks for students with behavioural challenges.
- Support blocks.
- Monitoring systems in place (weekly school-based team meeting/case managers).
- Peer tutors.
- Buddies.

- Peer mentoring.
- Scheduled classroom visits by administrator to offer suggestions.
- Teacher-on-Call time for teachers to visit elementary classroom.
- Grade-wide meeting for teachers.
- Pencil grips / squishes (fine motor kit).
- Super Gym.
- Behaviour plans (time-outs with strategies such as anger management).
- Alternate assignments, timelines, reduced amounts to be completed.
- Big Brother/Big Sister.
- Volunteer Reader Program.
- Access to resource room for quiet and safe area for students needing a stress relief.
- Special Education teacher working with teachers to adapt courses and methods.

Engaging the Community...

At the April 2009 Public Meeting, the Sunshine Coast Board of Education made a decision to examine the problem of declining enrolment in elementary schools located in the Sechelt area, emphasizing community consultation. 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.

The information from these meetings is now published on our website. Please visit www.sd46.bc.ca to find out more about the initial meetings and to learn about the next steps leading to a decision regarding possible school closures.

Public presentations for further discussions have been scheduled for December 1st and December 8th at Chatelech Secondary at 6:30 PM. The December Board meeting has been rescheduled to December 15th at Chatelech to receive the submission and decide upon an option.