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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](http://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.

## October 13, 2009 Board Meeting

**2009 - 2010**

### Scheduled Board Meetings (Tuesdays at 7:00 PM)

November 10, 2009 .....	School Board Office
December 8, 2009 .....	School Board Office
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"

### School Trustees

Silas White, Chair .....	604-886-8668
Ken Sinnott, Vice-Chair .....	604-230-1377
Lori Fielding .....	604-883-3669
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Dave Mewhort.....	604-885-4546
Greg Russell.....	604-886-8388
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### The Iris Griffith Nature School...

Imagine a school where children sit spellbound at the sight of soaring bald eagles or rare fungi, and where nature guides their learning!

Leanne Ennis and Michael Jackson spoke about the unique learning environment at The Iris Griffith Nature School. On-site classroom sessions are reinforced by extended periods of time spent in the outdoors observing a diversity of habitats and plant and animal species and recording thoughts through art, poetry and prose. The classroom outdoors makes environmental learning tangible and fun! Spending extended periods of time observing and reflecting helps children to form emotional connections with nature and develop feelings of environmental stewardship and responsibility.

Leanne and Michael encourage our young people to form personal connections and a sense of environmental responsibility that is vital in the years to come.

## Thanks to Madeira Park Staff...



Senior Management staff and Trustees thanked Madeira Park Elementary School staff for hosting the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Trustees appreciated the opportunity to hold their meeting in a school environment.

## Grad Survey Prize Draws...

**\$1,000 winner - Talya Sametz-Madden**

**\$750 winner - Kristy Murray (McDonnell)**

**\$500 winner - Alex Robertson**

Talya is a 2005 Chatelech Secondary School graduate, Kristy is a 2003 Chatelech Secondary School graduate and Alex is a 2007 Elphinstone Secondary School graduate.

This online survey was open to graduates from any Sunshine Coast Secondary School between 1998 and 2008. Participants completed a short online survey which will help the school district to learn ways of improving our youth's future.

"I really valued my education in SD46 and I feel fortunate that I got to experience such a good education," commented Alex.

## Fall Conference...

A summary was provided on the September 24/25 Fall Conference in our school district. Appreciation was noted for keynote speakers, Wayne Hulley and Damian Cooper, who curtailed many of their expenses for this particular conference in consideration of the size of our school district.

The conference was well attended with visitors from Vancouver, Chilliwack, Powell River and Francophone Education Authority school districts in attendance.

## Class Size Report...

The Board accepted the report for all schools and classes for the 2009/2010 school year. Under *The School Act* districts must submit an annual class size report as at September 30.

## Community Consultation Meetings...

An update was provided on the community consultative meetings held in Sechelt. Recommendations resulting from the discussions at these meetings will be presented to the Board at its November meeting.

## Vision, Mission and Values Statement...

### OUR VISION

**is a community engaged in the pursuit of lifelong learning and educational excellence**

### OUR MISSION

**is to enable and inspire our students to realize their full potentials, as knowledgeable, confident and contributing citizens in a global community**

### VALUES

**Engaged, Lifelong Learning for an Engaged Community**

**Accessibility, Diversity and Equity of Opportunity**

**Health, Social Responsibility and Environmental Sustainability**

**Transparency, Accountability and Fiscal Responsibility**

**Honesty, Trust and Recognition**

The entire Vision, Mission and Values Statement can be found at:

[www.sd46.bc.ca/Govern](http://www.sd46.bc.ca/Govern)

in the Governance Policies section.

## Next Board Meeting...

**Tuesday, November 10  
at the School Board Office**