



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report

April 22, 2020

Sherry Becker, Superintendent

Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.

Employees of the Month:

***Laura Anania *Abigail Twyman & *Amy McDonald**

- The School District would like to commend the work of these staff and thank them for their dedication and their work beyond that of what has already been expected of them as educators. These staff collaborated to develop a meaningful professional development schedule not only for Naukati staff but for all staff district-wide. The following is what has been planned.
 - *Online Training for Special Education Paraprofessionals:* Paras were assigned the following training series through the DEED e-learning platform that relates to special education and trauma-informed education.
 - Strategies for Accommodating Individual Needs (45 min)
 - Supporting Student Learning Styles (30 min)
 - Trauma-Sensitive Schools (75 min)
 - Classroom Practices – Trauma-Engaged Educators Guide (30 min)
 - Emotional Intelligence – Trauma-Engaged Educators Guide (30 min)
 - Mind-Body Connections – Trauma-Engaged Educators Guide (30 min)
 - Self-Regulation – Trauma-Engaged Educators Guide (15 min)
 - Trauma-Engaged and Practicing Schools (105 min)
 - *Group Training/Book Study*
 - Beginning on Monday, April 13th, Amy, Laura, and Abby facilitated a group training on the following:
 - Brain Development and Trauma
 - Window of Tolerance
 - OWL Awareness
 - Book Study #1: How Full Is Your Bucket
 - Two additional books they have planned: "The Whole-Brain Child" and "The Thriving Adolescent".

COVID-19 Pandemic:

Guidelines for grading have been given to teachers district-wide;

- Graduation guidelines are pending guidance from the Department of Education

Other topics of discussion/planning:

- Preparations for the end of the 2019-20 school year
- Potential need for summer school or extended school year services
- Preparations for 2020-21 school year – planning team developed to cover multiple scenarios that may affect school re-opening in the fall

Recruiting:

Positions Open for FY21

Thorne Bay Special Education Teacher

Itinerant Special Education Teacher – Naukati/Coffman Cove

Multi-grade Teacher – Coffman Cove

Technology Coordinator

Literacy Coordinator

Collective Agreement:

The Negotiations Team has finalized discussions and a new Collective Agreement has been submitted to the membership for approval. In honor of our strategic goal of providing sufficient and effective staff support, the district has requested the addition of language in the negotiated agreement that will ensure staff receive the necessary planning time needed to provide rich and meaningful academic instruction for all students.

Recommendations on Board Approval items:

9. A. I recommend moving the 2nd Proposed Budget for FY21 to a 3rd reading

10. A. I recommend approval for the award of the Bruce Hill Scholarship. Both candidates have demonstrated the characteristics for which the award was originally intended. I recommend approval of either candidate.

10. B. I recommend approval of the Distance Learning Project – Teleconference Equipment Contract Award to Lowest Responsible Bidder, SKC Communication Products, LLC, or up to \$182,431.50.