



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Minutes - Advocacy/Education Committee**

**Date: April 23, 2024, 2:30 p.m.
Location: Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Co-Chair Trustee Alysha Clarke (in remotely at 3:15 p.m.)

Regrets: Trustee Bev Bellina
Trustee Sarah Madsen

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee (*Ex-officio member*)
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Chris Johns
Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Manager of Operations Joe Tank
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips
District Vice Principal of Human Resources and Health & Safety Jaslene Atwal
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent (recorder)
Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Ayling called the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of April 23, 2024, to order at 2:57 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Ayling:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of April 23, 2024, be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of February 26, 2024, be approved as circulated

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Private School Funding Follow Up

Trustee Johns continues to work with Director Tichauer on private school funding. This is an ongoing agenda item.

2.2 Accessible Ski Lessons

Superintendent Johnson informed the Committee that funding for all ski lessons is available through the Student Affordability Fund. This is no longer an ongoing item and will be removed from future agendas.

2.3 Mount Baker Secondary Fire Suppression System

There was a brief discussion regarding the fire watch at Mount Baker Secondary. Smoke detectors have recently been installed that will result in a cost savings to the District.

Co-Chair Trustee Ayling provided an update of the motions that were passed at the recent BCSTA Annual General Meeting including the motion on increased funding for aging infrastructure.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

Superintendent Johnson provided the DSAC report on behalf of Trustee Bellina.

4.2 DPAC Report

Superintendent Johnson provided the DPAC report on behalf of Trustee Turner.

Co-Chair Trustee Ayling also reminded trustees to share with school PAC's, the budget informational document that was created by Secretary Treasurer Taylor. Secretary Treasurer Taylor will send out the document again for trustees to present to school PAC as required.

4.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) (Items determined by Superintendent)

Superintendent Johnson will start to work on the upcoming FESL document in June.

She also reported on the recent meeting with District itinerant teachers to review the FESL goals. There will be another meeting with the District itinerant teachers prior to the end of June to analyze and measure the goals set out in the FESL and review priorities for next year.

Superintendent Johnson will be attending the All Superintendent's meeting in Vancouver on May 10, 2024. More information on the upcoming FESL report will be shared at this meeting.

4.4 Child Care

District Principal Phillips provided an update on Early Learning and Child Care to the Committee. A summary will be emailed to all trustees following the meeting.

Items of discussion included:

- New Spaces Funding announcements are expected in the near future
- Submission of licensing request for the Fernie Learning Centre from Bright Beginnings
- Childhood Development Hub in Sparwood
- Licencing of Rocky Mountain Elementary for school aged care on school grounds
- SEY2KT Compassionate Systems Leadership
- CUPE Letter of Understanding to allow for child care positions (Early Childhood Educators)
- StrongStart

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Board Authority Authorized Course

RECOMMENDATION A:

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Ayling:

THAT the Learning Strategies Board Authorized Course be approved by the Board of Education.

5.2 Board Authority Authorized Course

RECOMMENDATION B:

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Ayling:

THAT the English Language Learners Board Authorized Course be approved by the Board of Education.

5.3 Letter of Support Request - Concerns Over Proposed Aerial Spraying of Foray 48B

The spraying is projected to occur on May 20-21, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION C:

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Ayling:

THAT a letter of concern be written by the Board of Education to the Premier and Minister of Forests regarding the proposed aerial spraying of Foray 48B over the City of Cranbrook.

5.4 Letter of Support - Technical Education Teachers in BC

RECOMMENDATION D:

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Clarke:

THAT a letter of support be written by the Board of Education to BCIT in support of the expansion and improvement of the program to increase trades and technical teachers in British Columbia.

5.5 StrongStart Discussion

Superintendent Johnson reiterated the ongoing provincial issues of StrongStart funding. The funding for StrongStart has not increased since 2008.

Superintendent Johnson will be attending the Kootenay Boundary meeting in May. This will provide an opportunity for discussion with other districts in our region regarding advocating for an increase in StrongStart funding.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Superintendent Johnson will follow up with Sparwood Secondary regarding proposed dates for river rafting tour.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Clarke:

THAT the April 23, 2024, Advocacy Education Committee meeting adjourn at 3:34 p.m.

Have we continued to enhance high standards, noble expectations, elevated commitments and quality performances to support student achievement?