



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

Date: May 27, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Cranbrook Board Office

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Co-Chair Trustee Alysha Clarke (remotely)
Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)
Trustee Sarah Madsen

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Wendy Turner (remotely)
Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
Director of Student Learning and Indigenous Education Jason Tichauer (in at 2:50 p.m.)
Principal of Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips
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 May 27, 2024, to order at 2:21 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Madsen:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of May 27, 2024, be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

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

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Private School Funding Follow Up

This is an ongoing agenda item.

2.2 StrongStart Discussion

There has not been an increase in funding to StrongStart programs across the province. There were no further updates at this time on advocating for additional StrongStart funding.

2.3 Sparwood River Rafting Trip Follow Up

Superintendent Johnson reported on the Sparwood Secondary School river rafting trip on May 21, 2024. There were no incidents to report.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Project Heavy Duty

College of the Rockies representatives, Brian Conrad and Tristan Taylor, presented a video on Project Heavy Duty. They also provided a PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda package. Project Heavy Duty grants two credits towards high school graduation and a total of 24 students participate in Project Heavy Duty each year.

Project Heavy Duty requested a donation of \$5,000 from the Board of Education and also requested two commercial banners with the District name and logo.

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

Director Casault reported on behalf of Director Tichauer that the final DSAC meeting is on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at Rotary Park in Fernie.

4.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Turner provided a report from the District Parent Advisory Committee. She reported on the following activities for the month of May:

- Math Night at Highlands Elementary
- Track Meets across the District
- PAC flower baskets
- Book Fairs (new and used)

- Various presentations
- Bike Rodeos
- Staff appreciation
- Graduation planning

Trustee Turner also reported that the Mount Baker PAC has purchased a LED scoreboard.

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

Superintendent Johnson will be using the template with the data pre-populated for the next Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

She also informed the Committee that the Transformative Learning and Itinerant teachers will be meeting in June to review and discuss the 2023/2024 FESL goals and priorities.

4.4 Child Care

District Principal Phillips reported that the playground has been ordered for Gordon Terrace Elementary School. She also invited trustees to attend the meeting at City Hall with Director, Child Care Development, Ministry of Education and Child Care, Michelle Kirby, and the City of Cranbrook on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Education Funding Model Letter

Receive and file

7.2 Education Funding Model Letter - Cowichan Valley School District

Receive and file

7.3 Letter from School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) DPAC

Trustee Turner recognized the advocacy letter from DPAC President, Lies Salvador and DPAC Treasurer Chris David.

RECOMMENDATION A:

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT a letter be written by the Board of Education to the District Parent Advisory Council President and Treasurer to acknowledge the advocacy letter sent.

The thank you letter will be sent to media along with a copy of the original letter; however, prior to releasing the letter to media, Trustee Ayling will research the mercury poisoning discussed.

Receive and file

7.4 Letter from BCSTA to Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association

Receive and file

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Madsen

THAT the May 27, 2024, Advocacy Education Committee meeting adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

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