



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - ALL COMMITTEES (PUBLIC)**

**February 23, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Trustee Irene Bischler (Co-Chair)
Trustee Sarah Madsen (Co-Chair) (remotely)
Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)
Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Wendy Turner

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Instruction Human Resources Brent Reimer
Director of Instruction Systems Leadership and Safe Schools Jason Tichauer
Director of Instruction Curriculum and Assessment Michael Kelly
Director of Operations Joe Tank
District Principal Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips (remotely)
District Principal of Learning Services Kaley Wasylowich
District Vice Principal Human Resources and Health & Safety Erin Boehm
Manager of Board Office & Executive Services (recorder) Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Bischler called the public All Committees meeting of February 23, 2026, to order at 3:01 p.m.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Ktunaxa Territory

Acknowledgement that we have gathered on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa People.

Co-Chair Trustee Bischler acknowledged that we have gathered on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa People.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Heckendorf:

THAT the All Committees public agenda of February 23, 2026, be approved as circulated.

1.4 Approval of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the minutes of the public All Committees meeting of January 26, 2026, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Amy Woodland Elementary Update

Secretary Treasurer Taylor provided an update on the Project Definition Report/business case for Amy Woodland Elementary. The Project Definition Report is under Ministry of Infrastructure review.

2.2 STEAM Fair Information

Director Kelly reviewed the STEAM Fair Information included in the agenda package. Trustee Clarke requested information be sent to the schools on the upcoming Science Fair.

2.3 Digital Literacy

Director Kelly reviewed the document; *Digital Literacy is Everyone's Job*, which was included in the agenda package. This information was in response to discussion during the January in-camera meeting, Online Safety and Awareness.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 2026/27 Budget Presentation CUPE 4165

President Sarah Mooy presented on behalf of CUPE 4165.

3.2 2026/27 Budget Presentation Legacy of Learning

Erin Knutson and Deryll White presented on behalf of the Legacy of Learning.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Secretary Treasurer

4.1.1 Mountain View Sparwood

Secretary Treasurer Taylor continues to look at options for leasing the Mountain View building. Discussions with Elk Valley Resources are ongoing.

4.1.2 Fernie Elementary School

The draft design approval has been received to allow the District to start working on pre-tender documents. The formal Certificate of Compliance should be received in the near future. A stakeholder meeting has tentatively been arranged for March 10, 2026.

4.2 Superintendent

4.2.1 Indigenous Education Council (IEC)

The next meeting is March 12, 2026. Secretary Treasurer Taylor will meet with the IEC representative regarding the 2026/27 budget on February 24, 2026.

4.2.2 Early Learning, Child Care and District Literacy

District Principal Phillips reviewed the report included in the agenda package.

4.2.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Superintendent Johnson will meet with Dr. Kevin Godden and the Ministry of Education and Child Care to review the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning submission. This meeting will be on February 24, 2026.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

5.1 Advocacy Education

5.1.1 DSAC Report

No report at this time.

5.1.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Turner provided the District Parent Advisory Council update.

5.2 Learning Services

District Principal Wasylowich reviewed the Learning Services report included in the agenda package.

5.3 Policy

5.3.1 Administrative Procedure 261 Participation in Extra-Curricular Events and Competitions

5.3.2 Administrative Procedure 305 School Catchment Areas

5.3.3 Administrative Procedure 306 Cross Enrollment

5.3.4 Administrative Procedure 315 Student Illness and Injury

5.3.5 Administrative Procedure 321 Court Documents and Records

5.3.6 Administrative Procedure 322 Legal Custody of Children

Administrative Procedure 322 Legal Custody of Children was removed from the Administrative Procedures.

5.3.7 Administrative Procedure 352 Police Questioning of Students in Schools

5.4 Finance Operations Personnel

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Fernie Secondary Outdoor Education White Water Rafting Trip

RECOMMENDATION

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Clarke:

THAT the spring of 2026 Fernie Secondary rafting trip be approved with the understanding that the river will be run two days prior to the students taking the trip. Furthermore, this trip is only approved if there is guaranteed and adequate, emergency services available and the most experienced river rafting guides are used.

7. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 District Occupational Health and Safety Committee Minutes

8.2 Finance and Capital Analysis Report

8.3 Trustee Professional Development

8.4 Staff Travel Summary

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Heckendorf:

THAT the February 23, 2026, public All Committees meeting adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

What services and resources did we provide to which students at what cost and resulting in what benefits?