



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)**

MINUTES - STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

**April 25, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Chris Johns

Regrets: Co-Chair Trustee Sarah Madsen (regrets)

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Bev Bellina (virtually)
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Wendy Turner (virtually)
Superintendent Viveka Johnson (virtually)
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
Executive Assistant (recorder) Amanda Skene

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Clarke called the Student Services Committee meeting of April 25, 2023, to order at 10:25 a.m.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded by: Johns/Ayling

THAT the agenda for the Student Services Committee meeting of April 25, 2023, be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Amendment: 2.1 Recommendation A: Rephrase “Trustee Ayling” to “The Board.”

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting of February 27, 2023, be approved as amended.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – NIL

3. PRESENTATIONS – NIL

4. REPORTS – NIL

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 MANDT Training

District Principal Verbeurgt summarized the MANDT System training program used to train staff on relationship-based crisis intervention and de-escalation practices.

The Board made the following suggestions:

- Inform staff of free online training programs supporting neurodiversity
- Portal site with links to approved training and information.
- Staff have the opportunity to connect with others and debrief on unsolvable scenarios.
- Survey end-users on the value of the program

Recommendation A:

Moved/Seconded by: Ayling/Johns

THAT The Board writes to the provincial government advocating for the inclusion of neurodiverse training in the curriculum for teachers, education assistants and early childhood educators.

Action:

Moved/Seconded: Ayling/Johns

District Principal Verbeurgt will solicit feedback from the MANDT System's end users on whether the training provided gives them the skills necessary to feel confident and well-prepared when situations arise.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – NIL

7. CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Johns:

THAT the April 25, 2023, Student Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Have we effectively addressed the needs of our most vulnerable students and their families?