



**The Board of Education of  
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)  
MINUTES - POLICY MEETING**

**April 27, 2021, 11:30 a.m.  
Meeting via Zoom**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Turner  
Co-Chair Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Whalen  
Trustee McPhee

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Damstrom  
Trustee Johns  
Trustee Kitt  
Superintendent, S. Yardley  
Secretary Treasurer, A. Rice  
Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer  
Director of Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault  
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt  
Executive Assistant, J. Nixon (Recorder)

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Policy Committee meeting of April 27, 2021 was called to order at 12:01 pm by Co-Chair Trina Ayling.

**1.2 Approval of the Agenda**

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of April 27, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of the Minutes**

M/S that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 Policy Model and Administrative Procedures**

Superintendent Yardley gave a brief update on the two working sessions in April with the Board and Dr. Leroy Sloan.

**2.2 Child Care Policy**

**Discussions regarding the responsibility, sustainability and adequacy of future funding of the Child Care Policy.**

Trustee Johns stated that the child care policy needs further research and clarification. He suggested that the Board be proactive and seek answers to funding questions. He recommended that a letter be written stating that properly funded child care must not come at the expense of the public education system. Trustee Johns requested this item be added to the next public Board meeting agenda.

Trustee Turner reiterated that the Board needs to be vocal about costs of child care and suggested that the Board take a position on this “sooner rather than later”. She discussed the importance of understanding where the funding will come from.

Director Casault clarified that she has taken part in discussions with other districts regarding the costs of the child care. Districts across the province are questioning the details and funding of this policy.

Trustee Ayling agreed that this policy needs to be further addressed in Advocacy and that a working group may need to be formed.

Chairperson Lento suggested the Board review the BCSTA Policy and interim information.

Trustee Bellina remarked that the complex situation needs to be investigated and understood prior to the policy being formalized.

Superintendent Yardley sought direction and clarification from the Board on the next steps including timelines.

**RECOMMENDATION A:**

M/S that the Board of Education’s position and response to the Child Care Policy be referred to and discussed at the next public Board Meeting.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**4. REPORTS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**6.1 Revised Policy 3.33 Use of Cell Phones and Digital Devices**

**6.2 Revised Policy 3.42 and 3.42R Students Registered for Distance Education and Continuing Education**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.