



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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**August 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m.  
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)  
Co-Chair Trustee Patricia Whalen  
Trustee Trina Ayling

Regrets: Trustee Wendy Turner

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Frank Lento  
Trustee Chris Johns  
Trustee Doug McPhee  
Trustee Krista Damstrom  
Superintendent Viveka Johnson  
Secretary-Treasurer Nick Taylor  
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer  
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault  
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts  
Executive Assistant (Recorder) Amanda Skene

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting of August 29, 2022, was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Co-Chair Trustee Bellina.

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Ktunaxa Territory**

I want to acknowledge that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

**1.3 Approval of Agenda**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of August 29, 2022, be approved as circulated.

**1.4 Approval of Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of May 30, 2022, be approved as circulated.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 Dissections in Schools - Diane Casault**

Director Casault reported that all middle and secondary schools in the district include dissections in their curriculum. All schools have or would offer alternative learning options with the same educational outcomes for those students who wish not to participate. The District does not currently have an administrative procedure for school dissections.

**2.2 Annual Facilities Grant - Nick Taylor**

Secretary-Treasurer Taylor reported that the District received 1.4 million in funding for the 2022-2023 school year. There has been no increase historically. Minor capital projects will be impacted in a deferred or prioritized manner.

**2.3 Changes to Employment Standards Act - Nick Taylor**

Secretary-Treasurer Taylor reported that employers are now mandated to allow for a minimum of five paid sick days for every employee. No additional funding was granted with the additional liabilities

**RECOMMENDATION A:**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

**THAT the changes to Employment Standards Act be referred to the Finance Operations Personnel In-Camera meeting.**

**3. PRESENTATIONS - NIL**

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.1 DSAC Report**

Trustee Bellina reported the next DSAC meeting will be at the Kootenay Learning Campus on September 28, 2022.

##### **4.2 DPAC Report – NIL**

##### **4.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)**

Superintendent Johnson advised that the revised Framework for Enhancing Student Learning is due September 30, 2022, to the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

**ACTION:** The additions to the FESL are to be reviewed at the September 13, 2022, Board Meeting.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS – NIL**

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – NIL**

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **7.1 Annual Budget**

**7.1.1 SD61 to Whiteside**

**7.1.2 SD83 to Whiteside and Robinson**

**7.1.3 SD38 to Whiteside**

**7.1.4 SD71 to Select Standing Finance and Government Services**

Receive and File

##### **7.2 Access to Education**

**7.2.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

### **7.3 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**

#### **7.3.1 BCSTA to Whiteside and French**

Receive and File

### **7.4 Attributes of a Graduate**

#### **7.4.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

### **7.5 Gender Inclusive Washrooms**

#### **7.5.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

### **7.6 Traditional Territory Acknowledgments in the School Act**

#### **7.6.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

In order for the District to be proactive in response to the Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action, the Ktunaxa Seven Feathers flag is to be displayed at all district locations. All schools have acknowledged the Ktunaxa Territory by displaying the flag and have held a formal flag-raising ceremony. The territory acknowledgment is still required at the board office.

**ACTION:** Administration is to ensure the board office displays the acknowledgement of the Ktunaxa Territory by raising the Seven Feathers flag.

### **7.7 Program and Teacher Cuts**

#### **7.7.1 BCSTA to SD63**

Receive and File

### **7.8 Capital Cost Sharing**

#### **7.8.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.9 Deferred Maintenance Costs**

**7.9.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.10 Inflationary Costs**

**7.10.1 SD57 to Robinson and Whiteside**

**7.10.2 SD69 to Whiteside and Treasury Board**

**7.10.3 BCSTA to Robinson and Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.11 Capital Projects**

**7.11.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

**7.11.2 SD39 to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.12 Epilepsy Medication**

**7.12.1 SD33 to Dix and Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.13 Ventilation Standards**

**7.13.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.14 Outdoor Learning Funding**

**7.14.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.15 Universal Food Program**

**7.15.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.16 BC Hydro Metering Caps**

**7.16.1 BCSTA to Whiteside, BC Hydro and BC Utilities**

Receive and File

**7.17 Safer Passing Distance**

**7.17.1 BCSTA to Fleming**

Receive and File

**7.18 Electric Buses**

**7.18.1 SD69 to Whiteside**

Receive and File

**7.19 Support for FNLC on FSAs**

**7.19.1 BCSTA to Whiteside**

**7.19.2 Whiteside to BCSTA**

Receive and File

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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