



**The Board of Education of
School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - EDUCATION/POLICY MEETING
February 21, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Board Office**

IN ATTENDANCE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Co-Chair Trustee Damstrom

Co Chair Trustee Ayling

Trustee Gordon-Hooker

Glenn Dobie, Director of Student Learning

Janice McElwee, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

REGRETS

Trustee Ellis

IN ATTENDANCE – BOARD/DISTRICT STAFF

Trustee Bellina (by phone)

Trustee Lento

Trustee Hall

Trustee Johns

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

7.1 Michael Bortolotto – Inspirational Speaker

7.2 Draft Policy – Disposal of Land or Improvements

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4.0 POLICIES PASSED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

Nil

5.0 ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Pesticide Update

Trustee Johns advised there is a meeting today. He is anticipating that by the end of today they will have a recommendation to bring forward to the Policy meeting in March.

5.2 Policy 3.1 – Student Registration, Enrolment and Placement

Changes to this policy are tied to the Kootenay Orchards boundary issue. The proposed changes to the policy would mean an annual review of those students who are cross boundary and grandfathering would no longer be allowed. The policy will be brought back to the March meeting.

5.3 Revised Policy 2.9 – School Closure

Changes made at the last committee meeting were reviewed. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the length and purpose of the consultation periods.

Wording changes:

- Page 2 - Administrative Procedures:
A School may be considered for potential closure *in September* when . . .
- Page 3 - Administrative Procedures:
4. a) Up to three members of the Board of Education, including at least one Trustee from *the specific community or communities*;
- Pages 2 & 3
3. and 6.– put lists contained in paragraphs into point form

The draft policy will be sent back to partner groups and brought back to the April meeting.

5.4 Draft Policy – Access to Information and Protection of Privacy

Page 3 – Protection of Information

4. – If information is faxed – recipient *must* be telephoned

Page 1 - Policy

The Board is committed to appropriately managing *and respecting confidential* records and information . . .

Trustee Johns raised two items:

- Are there currently personnel files kept on Trustees?

- There should be a reference in the policy to the Collective Agreements.

Mr. Dobie will address both items.

Changes will be made as discussed today and brought back to the March meeting.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

6.1 Language Review Committee – Update

Mr. Dobie will be meeting on March 10th with representatives from the teachers' union and Canadian Parents for French. A group of Sparwood parents have also expressed interest in having French Immersion implemented in Sparwood.

Clarification was provided that the original Language Review Committee dissolved on its own as the issues it was created for had been resolved. The committee created for the purposes of French Immersion will be referred to as the French Immersion Language Review Committee. Terms of Reference for the committee will be developed at the first meeting.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Michael Bortolotto

Mr. Bortolotto is a motivational/inspirational speaker who has cerebral palsy. He has asked to do presentations to our schools. Mr. Dobie has spoken with him regarding tentative dates and costs (approx. \$750 per presentation plus expenses). Testimonials from other districts/agencies speak very highly of his presentations. This item has been referred to the Finance/Operations meeting today.

7.2 Draft Policy – Disposal of Land or Improvements

The draft policy was provided for information for Trustees to preview prior to the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.