



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

**February 22, 2021, 11:30 a.m.  
Meeting via Zoom**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Turner (by Zoom)  
Co-Chair Trustee Ayling (by Zoom)  
Trustee McPhee (by Zoom)  
Trustee Whalen (by Zoom)

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

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2021 was called to order at 11:41 am by Co-Chair Trustee Wendy Turner.

**1.2 Approval of the Agenda**

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2021 be approved as amended.

Addition:

2.2 Child Care Programs Policy

### 1.3 Approval of the Minutes

M/S that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 25, 2021 be approved as amended.

## 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### 2.1 Policy Model and Administrative Procedures

Superintendent Yardley is awaiting a response and confirmation of meeting date with Dr. Leroy Sloan.

### 2.2 Child Care Policy

Director Casault reviewed the documents emailed as an addendum to the Policy Committee Agenda on February 19, 2021:

- Legal Bulletin Board of Education Policies re: Child Care Programs (*September 11, 2020*)
- Child Care Order (*Ministerial Order effective August 31, 2020*)
- School Act – Policies respecting child care programs (*Section 85.1-85.4*)
- BCSTA Child Care Policy Template and Backgrounder (December 11, 2020)

Director Casault also briefly discussed the School Act Policies respecting child care programs (*Section 85.1-85.4*) and the process for establishing a revision to the Child Care Policy for School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

The Child Care Order (Ministerial Order 326/20) effective August 31, 2020, establishes significant requirements for the policy and clearly states:

“When establishing a policy regarding the use of board property for the provision of child care programs, a board must consider the results of the board’s engagement with individuals or groups the board considers are representative of

- (a) employees of the board,
- (b) child care operators,
- (c) parents and guardians, and
- (d) Indigenous communities, rightsholders, and service providers”

School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) will adopt the British Columbia School Trustees Association (“BCSTA”) Template for Child Care Policy (dated December 11, 2020) as our draft until such time that a new policy be created specifically for this district.

Chairperson Lento discussed the future funding model under the new provincial Child Care policy.

Trustee Ayling further noted that the promotion of board property for the provision of child care programs provides the opportunity to not only have community child care but also a viable daycare option for teenage parents.

**RECOMMENDATION A:**

**Acceptance of the BCSTA Child Care Policy Template to be used as the draft policy by The Board of Education of School District 5.**

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**4. REPORTS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**6. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS - APPENDIX A**

**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 11:54 am.