



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

**MINUTES - POLICY MEETING**

**February 22, 2022, 11:30 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting as per SA and Board Procedures By-law**

Committee Members in  
Attendance:

Trustee Patricia Whalen  
Trustee Doug McPhee  
Chairperson Frank Lento (Ex-Officio)

Regrets:

Co-Chair Wendy Turner  
Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling

Board/District Staff in  
Attendance:

Trustee Bev Bellina  
Trustee Krista Damstrom  
Trustee Chris Johns  
Trustee Kathryn Kitt  
Superintendent Silke Yardley  
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor  
Director of Instruction/Human Resources Brent Reimer  
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer  
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault  
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt  
District Principal Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts  
Executive Assistant (Recorder) Jane Nixon

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2022 was called to order at 11:39 a.m. by Trustee McPhee.

**1.2 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded by Lento/Whalen:

THAT the agenda of the Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

### **1.3 Approval of the Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Lento:

THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 24, 2022 be approved as circulated.

## **2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **2.1 Policy 19 - Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity**

Director Tichauer reviewed and clarified changes to Policy 19. He explained the consideration of the Mature Minor Act in revised Policy 19 and answered questions regarding use of pronouns under Section 7.0.

Trustee Bellina discussed the Glossary of Terms under 11.0 and queried if the glossary covered all of the terms correctly. Director Tichauer responded that Policy 19 terminology needs to be general and not too specific to avoid constant revision and updates.

Shelly Balfour (CDTA) raised the topic of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) registration forms and questioned if they aligned to Policy 19. She had included these concerns in a recent letter to the District.

Director Tichauer explained that District Principal Roberts would be reviewing the current registration forms and District Management will also be reviewing Mrs. Balfour's letter, the District forms and the requirements in MyEducation BC at the February 23, 2022 management meeting.

District Principal Roberts reviewed the new provincial direction and changes coming into production in MyEducation BC in April 2022.'

Chairperson Lento suggested that the revised Policy 19 be sent to Audrey Ackah at the BCSTA for legal review prior to being circulated for stakeholder feedback.

Director Tichauer agreed to send the revisions to Audrey Ackah for clarification and will bring forward any comments at an upcoming Policy Committee meeting.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS**

## **4. REPORTS**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **6.1 Vaccine Mandate**

### **6.2 Financial Reporting Policies**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/Seconded by Lento/Whalen:

THAT the Policy Committee meeting adjourn at 11:55 a.m.

Have we channelled our data driven policies in directions that are positive, productive and equitable through our employees to our students?