



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Minutes - Advocacy/Education Committee**

Date: February 26, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Cranbrook Board Office

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

Regrets: Trustee Sarah Madsen

Board/District Staff in
Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Wendy Turner (remotely)
Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
Director of Student Learning and Indigenous Education Jason Tichauer
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent (recorder)
Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Clarke called the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of February 26, 2024 to order at 3:49 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Addition:

5.2 Mount Baker Secondary School Fire Suppression System

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of February 26, 2024, be approved as amended.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of January 22, 2024, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Private School Funding Follow Up

Trustee Johns continues to work with Director Tichauer on the issue of public and private school funding.

2.2 Sparwood Secondary School Field Trip Approval Request

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the application for rafting re-submitted by Sparwood Secondary School.

Board Chairperson McPhee requested that a plan be in place for avalanche safety.

RECOMMENDATION A

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

THAT the spring of 2024 Sparwood Secondary rafting trip be approved with the understanding that the river will be run two days prior to the students taking the trip. Furthermore, this trip is only approved if there is guaranteed and adequate, emergency services available and the most experience river rafting guides are used.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 District French Immersion Teacher

District French Immersion Teacher, Marzia Bottoni reviewed the presentation included in the agenda package.

This program has been funded by the Government of Canada and has minimal direct financial impact on the District as explained by Director Casault.

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

Superintendent Johnson provided an update on behalf of Director Tichauer. Topics discussed at the District Student Advisory Council meeting included:

- Cell Phone Administrative Procedure
- District strategic planning

4.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Turner provided an update from the District Parent Advisory Council meeting. Agenda items and highlights included:

- Highway speed and safety concerns at Pinewood Elementary School
- Steeples Elementary School's multicultural fair
- Cell Phone Administrative Procedure
- New equipment received by Laurie Middle School

4.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) (Items determined by Superintendent)

Superintendent Johnson will be meeting with itinerant teachers in March to review district priorities.

4.4 Child Care

District Principal Phillips provided a brief update on Child Care in the District. The February 13 update on Child Care in the District that was previously distributed to trustees.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Accessible Ski Lessons

Superintendent Johnson reviewed the proposed advocacy letter written by two district itinerant teachers included in the agenda package. There was discussion regarding the wording and intent of the proposed letter. It was suggested that there be a discussion with the Kimberley Alpine Resort to determine costs and scheduling of accessible lessons in the future. Other discussions included:

- Access to Affordability Funds to cover the additional costs
- Ways to ensure that ski lessons are accessible to all

Superintendent Johnson will work with District Principal Verbeurgt on this agenda item. The letter will not be sent to the Kimberley Alpine Resort at this time.

5.2 Mount Baker Secondary School Fire Suppression System

Board Chairperson McPhee suggested that aging buildings continue to be an ongoing issue and that the Board must continue to advocate for building replacements rather than building upgrades.

Co-chair Trustee Ayling requested that this be an ongoing agenda item.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter BCSTA Life Membership

Reviewed and Filed

7.2 Letter of Thanks

Reviewed and Filed

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the February 26, 2024, Advocacy Education Committee meeting adjourn at [time].

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