



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

February 26, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Cranbrook Board Office

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)
Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Irene Bischler

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Wendy Turner (remotely)
Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
Director of Instruction and Human Resources Brent Reimer
Operations Manager Joe Tank
District Principal of Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent (recorder)
Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Bellina called the Student Services Committee meeting of February 26, 2024, to order at 3:14 p.m.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Johns:

THAT the agenda for the Student Services Committee meeting of February 24, 2024, be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Bischler/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting of January 22, 2024, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Follow Up

District Principal Verbeurgt has contacted a district in the province that is using the Low Arousal Approach program. The Low Arousal Approach emphasizes a range of behaviour management strategies.

District Principal Verbeurgt has been working with District Vice Principal Atwal on researching the program. They are looking at a multi-level approach to crisis intervention.

Trustee Bischler requested website information from District Principal Verbeurgt on the Low Arousal Approach. This information will be sent to all trustees.

Next steps will be feedback from staff including teachers, educational assistants, and other support staff. Specific timing, roll out information and implementation schedules were also requested by Board Chairperson McPhee.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. REPORTS

Nil

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Bischler/Johns:

THAT the February 26, 2024, Student Services Committee meeting adjourn at 3:39 p.m.

Have we effectively addressed the needs of our most vulnerable students and their families?