



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

MINUTES - STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

**February 27, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
Kootenay Learning Campus - Fernie**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Co-Chair Trustee Sarah Madsen
Trustee Chris Johns

Regrets: Trustee Alysha Clarke

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Bev Bellina (virtually)
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Wendy Turner (virtually)
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 of Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts (virtually)
Executive Assistant Amanda Skene (recorder)

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Madsen called the Student Services Committee meeting of February 27, 2023, to order at 1:10 p.m.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Addition: 3.1 Speech Language Pathologists Trip to New Orleans

Moved/Seconded by: Johns/Ayling

THAT the agenda for the Student Services Committee meeting of February 27, 2023, be approved as amended.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded by: Johns/Ayling

THAT the minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting of January 26, 2023, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Speech Pathologist Reconfiguration Update

District Principal Verbeurgt reported on our district's current staffing levels of Speech Language Pathologists. The District is staffing at 70% capacity of where it should be compared to the province. The current contract language will be reviewed for areas that can attract applicants.

Moved/Seconded: Johns/Ayling

RECOMMENDATION A:

THAT The Board will write a letter to the provincial authorities and BCPSEA expressing concerns about the deficit of Speech Language Pathologists in rural areas.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Speech Language Pathologists Trip to New Orleans

Speech Language Pathologists Lesley Runzer, Collette Tovee, Adele Minto and Carolyn Norton gave a reflective presentation about the American Speech and Hearing Conference (ASHA) trip they attended in November 2022.

4. REPORTS – NIL

5. NEW BUSINESS – NIL

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – NIL

7. CORRESPONDENCE – NIL

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by: Johns/Ayling

THAT the February 27, 2023, Student Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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