



**SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5 (SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)
2026 TRUSTEE STANDING COMMITTEES**

DISTRICT MANAGEMENT POLICY REPRESENTATIVE	Jason Tichauer
FINANCE OPERATIONS PERSONNEL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Nick Taylor
ADVOCACY EDUCATION DISTRICT MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Michael Kelly
LEARNING SERVICES (STUDENT SERVICES) DISTRICT MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Kaley Wasylowich

The Board Chair will attend all meetings.

Both the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer (when available) will be ex-officio Administrative Representatives for all Committees.

The Chairperson will be ex-officio Trustee Representative for all Committees.

AD HOC	TRUSTEE REPS	ALTERNATE
Accessibility	Wendy Turner	Doug McPhee
B.C.P.S.E.A.	Trina Ayling	Irene Bischler
B.C.S.T.A. Provincial Council	Bev Bellina	Alysha Clarke
CFTA Bargaining Support Team	Trina Ayling	Irene Bischler
CFTA Grievances	Doug McPhee	Irene Bischler
Chamber of Commerce (Cranbrook)	Chris Johns	Trina Ayling
Communications Trustee Media	Trina Ayling	Chris Johns
CUPE Bargaining Support Team	Tentative	Tentative
CUPE Grievances	Doug McPhee	Chris Johns
DPAC	Wendy Turner	Alysha Clarke
DSAC	Bev Bellina	Nicole Heckendorf
Early Years Committee (Cranbrook)	Irene Bischler	
Early Years Committee (Elkford)	Sarah Madsen	Bev Bellina
Early Years Committee (Fernie)	Nicole Heckendorf	Sarah Madsen
Early Years Committee (Sparwood)	Bev Bellina	Sarah Madsen
Food Security	Irene Bischler	Alysha Clarke
French Advisory Committee	Nicole Heckendorf	Doug McPhee
Indigenous Education	Doug McPhee	Alysha Clarke
Key City Theatre	Trina Ayling	Wendy Turner
Legacy of Learning	Chris Johns	
MBSS Building Replacement	Chris Johns	All
Social Planning Committee	Irene Bischler	Sarah Madsen
Technology Committee	Nicole Heckendorf	
Traffic Safety Committee	Chris Johns	Irene Bischler
Trustee/Board Evaluation	Doug McPhee	All



Reminders:

- ❖ The purpose of all meetings is to help students.
- ❖ Trustees are encouraged to keep abreast of what's happening in our schools and look for opportunities to lend a helping hand.
- ❖ Committees must not take on the role of the Board. (Just as the Board must not act like a Committee.)
- ❖ The public's perception of our actions will be just as important as the action itself.
- ❖ Trustees and Committee members should agree or disagree with motions or ideas – not with people.
- ❖ Committees recommend or advise.
- ❖ Two trustees will be assigned to all job interviews involving school and/or district-based leadership



2026 VICE CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5 (SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)

January Alternate	Irene Bischler Sarah Madsen
February Alternate	Alysha Clarke Trina Ayling
March Alternate	
April Alternate	Nicole Heckendorf Irene Bischler
May Alternate	Sarah Madsen Chris Johns
June Alternate	
July Alternate	
August Alternate	Doug McPhee
September Alternate	Bev Bellina Wendy Turner
October Alternate	Chris Johns Alysha Clarke
November Alternate	Trina Ayling Bev Bellina
December Alternate	Nicole Heckendorf Wendy Turner



**SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY
TRUSTEES
2026 SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS**

CRANBROOK	Highlands Elementary	Chris Johns
	Mount Baker Secondary	Chris Johns
	Alternate Programs (KES/KDS)	Doug McPhee
	Kootenay Orchards Elementary	Doug McPhee
	Gordon Terrace Elementary	Irene Bischler
	<i>Amy Woodland Elementary</i>	Irene Bischler
	Parkland Middle	Irene Bischler
	Pinewood Elementary	Trina Ayling
	TM Roberts Elementary	Trina Ayling
	Laurie Middle	Wendy Turner
	Steeples Elementary	Wendy Turner
	Isabella Dicken Elementary Fernie Secondary Kootenay Discovery Kootenay Learning Campus	Nicole Heckendorf
FERNIE	Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary	Alysha Clarke
SOUTH COUNTRY	Frank J. Mitchell Elementary Sparwood Secondary	Bev Bellina
SPARWOOD	Rocky Mountain Elementary Elkford Secondary	Sarah Madsen Doug McPhee
ELKFORD		

*The Chairperson will attempt to visit all schools.