



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

Date: January 22, 2024, 2:30 p.m.

Location: Cranbrook Board Office

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

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf (remotely)
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
Director of Instruction Human Resources Brent Reimer
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
District Principal Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips (in at 2:42)
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 January 22, 2024, to order at 2:35 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

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

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of November 27, 2023, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Private School Funding

Secretary Treasurer Taylor reviewed the capture rates by school and by community included in the agenda package. Unaccounted for students are students that are not registered within the District.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Presentation by Teachers of Transformative Learning

Teachers of Transformative Learning, Ryan McKenzie and Kim Froehler, provided an update on Transformative Learning and Digital Literacy across the District. A copy of the presentation was included with the agenda package.

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

The next meeting for DSAC is February 21, 2024.

4.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Turner provided a report from the DPAC meeting on January 17, 2024. She reported on the ongoing events at schools across the District.

Superintendent Johnson reported on the discussion regarding the District Administrative Procedure (AP 145) on Cell Phones and Digital Devices. She also reported on other ongoing discussions at the DPAC meeting regarding temperatures, transportation and student activities.

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

Superintendent Johnson is still awaiting final Ministry assessment of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

4.4 Child Care

District Principal Phillips will be meeting with the provincial District Early Learning and Child Care Lead Community of Practice team this week. The topic of the meeting will be Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) and Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) Renewal. Updates will be provided to Superintendent Johnson from this meeting.

Trustee Turner requested a letter be sent regarding child care challenges in the District. Trustee Ayling suggested that the Advocacy Committee wait before completing a letter regarding Child Care.

This item was referred to Finance Operations Personnel in-camera meeting at the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education on January 16, 2024.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Funding Shortfall for School Bus Purchases

Secretary Treasurer Taylor requested that this advocacy letter be placed on hold until final funding on school bus purchases has been received.

5.2 Sparwood Secondary School Field Trip Approval Request

Trustee Ayling requested more information on the trip. Superintendent Johnson will follow up with Sparwood Secondary School.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Ensuring Inclusivity for all BC Students

Received and filed

7.2 Letter of Congratulations to New President of BCSTA

Received and filed

7.3 Letter to Past President of BCSTA

Received and filed

7.4 Pay Equity Supplement Advocacy

Received and filed

7.5 Memorandum of Understanding Extension to November 30, 2025

Received and filed

7.6 2026 Costa Rica Trip – Fernie Secondary – Information Only

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the January 22, 2024, Advocacy Education Committee meeting adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

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