



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

**MINUTES - STUDENT SERVICES MEETING**

**January 24, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting as per SA and Board Procedures By-law**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Krista Damstrom  
Co-Chair Trustee Doug McPhee  
Trustee Chris Johns  
Trustee Kathryn Kitt  
Trustee Wendy Turner  
Regrets: Trustee Wendy Turner  
Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Frank Lento  
Trustee Trina Ayling  
Trustee Bev Bellina  
Trustee Wendy Turner  
Trustee Patricia Whalen  
Superintendent Silke Yardley  
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor  
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault  
District Principal of Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt  
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts  
Executive Assistant (recorder) Laurel Giesbrecht

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

The Student Services Committee meeting of January 24, 2022 was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Trustee McPhee.

**1.2 Approval of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

THAT the agenda for the Student Services Meeting of January 24, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of the Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT the minutes of the Student Services meeting of November 22, 2021 be approved as circulated

**.2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

## **2.1 Update on Social Emotional Learning Centre (SELC)**

Just before winter break the SELC team connected with T.M. Roberts Elementary School (TMRES) to initiate planning. The SELC teacher, Jessica Bartraw, started at TMRES just after winter break focussing on five classrooms. Our Youth Care Worker (YCW), Dana McLean, is providing sessions with three classrooms on interoception. Interoception is defined as the senses of internal state of body both conscious and non-conscious. These sessions will continue at both Highlands Elementary School (HES) and TMRES. The YCW is continuing with three separate programs in kindergarten to grade 3 for girls and is working on setting up a boys group focussing on Gr. 5 & 6 at both schools.

It was asked when we would be expanding this program to the Elk Valley. Senior Management reminded that this program was identified for Cranbrook only and additional programing would have to come at an additional cost outside the Student Services budget. Or, to stop doing something within the current scope of Student Services. A brief discussion was had on the social emotional program at Frank J. Mitchell Elementary (FJMES). A request was made to have principal Atwal present on this at a future meeting.

## **2.2 Report regarding disproportional spent Special Education budget over what is targeted by the Ministry of Education.**

British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) states that the School District spends disproportionately more than budgeted. District Principal Verbeurgt and Shelley Balfour will obtain information from the BCTF, where we are province wide, prior to the next meeting.

Trustee Johns referenced the need for this report as soon as possible. That preparation of the report should proceed before the next Select Standing Committee meeting. We should be advocating for supports now and not leaving it until September.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS**

## **4. REPORTS**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

## **6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **6.1 Update on Counselling Services**

Clarification was sought on what the committee was looking for.

### **6.2 Update on Transition Activities**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Johns:

THAT the Student Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.