



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

**January 25, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Meeting via Zoom**

Committee Members in Attendance: _____ Co-Chair Trustee Damstrom

_____ Co-Chair McPhee
_____ Trustee Johns
_____ Trustee Kitt

Board/District Staff in Attendance: _____ Chairperson Lento

_____ Trustee Ayling
_____ Trustee Bellina
_____ Trustee Turner
_____ Trustee Whalen
_____ Superintendent, S. Yardley
_____ Secretary Treasurer, A. Rice
_____ Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
_____ Director of Student Learning/Innovation, D. Casault
_____ District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
_____ District Principal/Transformative Learning, J. Roberts
_____ L. Giesbrecht (recorder)

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

The Special Education Student Services meeting of January 25, 2021 was called to order at 11:15am by Trustee McPhee.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

M/S that the agenda for the Special Education Student Services Meeting of January 25, 2021 be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

M/S that the minutes of the Special Education Student Services meeting of November 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Full Audit Report

Full audit report as listed on the Ministry of Education's website was referenced as well as SD5's district summary and next steps. Discussion was had regarding category identifications. Information received from the auditor will allow us to move forward with their recommendations. We will continue with our quality indicators as this was recognized as a good practice by the auditors. Funding of our most vulnerable students remains a concern.

We are in the process of updating our Inclusive Education handbook for all employee. Part of our budget now is strictly for Inclusive Education Plan consultation and IEP writing. Next steps will be put on the May 2021 district management meeting.

Recommendation A:

M/S that the board write a letter and send to the Ministry of Education outlining our concerns about the audit report specifically targeting the issue of adequate provincial funding.

2.2 Inclusive Education Working Group

The group has moved from sharing to our next steps and referred to the attached minutes. They will be bringing forward recommendations in the budget process. The professional development funds allocated to each union was discussed. This week, we'll discuss budget and our 3 year vision.

At this weeks meeting, Mr. Tichauer will be joining us as a guest speaker. He's going to share with the group how Alternate Education fits into Student Services.

Dr. Ross Green was referenced and an explanation of his work was given.

2.3 Speech Language Pathologist Data

Mr. Verbeurgt introduced a new data collection form. A summary sheet indicating services at each school will be provided showing direct hours in relation to their total hours worked. We started collecting data as of January 2021. It was determined the frequency of data would be reported out quarterly.

2.4 Behaviour Resource Teacher update

The 0.5 continuing Behaviour Resource Teacher position in the Elk Valley continues to be posted without success. It was suggested this topic be moved to the Finance/Ops Committee for further discussion. Discussion was had regarding potential options for in-school support. Again, this speaks to the difficulty of recruitment and retention of specialized positions.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

4. REPORTS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

6.1 Updates of the Social Emotional Learning Centre

6.2 Prevalence Model Discussions

7. CORRESPONDENCE

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm