



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

**January 28, 2019, 10:30 a.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

**Committee
Members In
Attendance:**

Co-Chair Trustee McPhee (Chair)
Co-Chair Trustee Damstrom
Trustee Johns
Trustee Kitt

Regrets:

**Board/District
Staff in
Attendance:**

Chairperson Lento (in 10:58)
Trustee Turner
Trustee Whalen
Trustee Bellina (by Zoom Conference)
Trustee Ayling
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent
Diane Casault, Director of Student Learning/Innovation
Brent Reimer, Director of Instruction – Human Resources
Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education
Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal of Student Services
Jennifer Roberts, District Principal of Transformative Learning
Jane Nixon, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

The Special Education Student Services meeting of January 28, 2019 was called to order at 10:47 by Co-Chair McPhee.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

M/S that the agenda for the Special Education Student Services Meeting of January 28, 2019 be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

M/S that the minutes of the Special Education Student Services meeting of November 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Written Letter to College of the Rockies regarding Staffing Needs

Diane Casault reviewed the new Speech Language Pathologist position that was filled on January 4, 2019. Mrs. Casault also discussed the recruitment process and the 17 locations that the job postings are being sent through Make A Future. She also advised that Brent Reimer and Superintendent Hauptman will be meeting with the College of the Rockies on Friday, February 1, 2019, to discuss the letter that was sent outlining the staffing needs of School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

2.2 School District Website

Mrs. Casault reported that work continues on updating and revising the School District website. The work also involves making the website more consistent throughout.

2.3 Behaviour Support Position

A presentation to the Student Services Committee by Megan Stasuik, Behaviour Support Teacher. PowerPoint presentation attached to Minutes.

Ms. Stasuik reviewed the proactive solution to helping students with behaviour challenges in School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay). Discussions included:

- Rationale behind the Social Emotional Learning Centre ("SELC")
- The students benefitting from the SELC including, but not limited to, Category H (students requiring intensive behaviour intervention or students with serious mental illness) and Category R (students requiring behaviour support or students with mental illness) in Grades One through Three.
- Trustee Kitt and Co-Chair McPhee expressed concerns on how the SELC will be implemented in the Elk Valley.

Other concerns and possible challenges discussed included:

- Bussing expenses
- The option to implement a program similar to SELC for Grades Four to Six in the future
- Parent and outside agency involvement

- Trustee Turner queried if the program will require additional staffing (Superintendent Hauptman responded that an additional position will be required).
- Trustee Johns suggested that a recommendation should be tabled at this meeting to prepare for the upcoming budget process.

Recommendation A:

“That the Board of Education approve, in principle, the support of a Social Emotional Learning Centre for Grades One to Three in the 2019/2020 Budget.”

2.4 Designation Category Summary

Mrs. Casault reviewed the School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) Designation List and Special Education Categories for September 2018 and January 2019.

Mrs. Casault also reviewed the funding levels for all of the Categories.

Trustee Johns requested that a detailed list of Category descriptions be available to the Student Services Committee at the next meeting. Trustee Johns also requested a detailed report showing trends and tracking of Categories over the past three years be available at the next meeting.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

3.1 Alternate Program at Laurie Middle School

Letter from the CDTA and FDTA requesting the reinstatement of the Alternate Program at Laurie Middle School.

Trustee Johns suggested that the Student Services Committee go forward with a recommendation to investigate and review the reinstatement of the Alternate Program at Laurie Middle School prior to the 2019/2020 school year budget process.

Recommendation B:

“That the Board of Education investigate the proposed reinstatement of the Alternate Program at Laurie Middle School.”

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT

What have we done at this meeting to help our students become more interested in school and to support them in their personal learning journey?

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.