

**The Board of Education of**

**School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)**

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 23, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Trustee Whalen (chair)

In Attendance: Trustee Bellina (by phone/webex)

Regrets: Trustee Ayling

 Trustee Blumhagen

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

 Trustee Brown

 Chair Frank Lento

 Trustee Helgesen

 Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

 Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

 Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

 Brent Reimer, Director, Human Resources

 Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

 Jennifer Roberts, District Principal

 Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

# **1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

##  I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people.

## **1.1 Call to Order**

The Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting of April 23, 2018 was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Co-Chair Whalen.

## **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-17-11**
Addition: **4.5 SOGI 123**

M/S that the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 23, 2018 is approved as amended.

## **1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-17-12**
M/S that the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

# **2. PRESENTATIONS**

## **2.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning - Jason Tichauer**

Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education gave the Trustees a brief history of this Ministry initiative. The Framework goals will support all students, including those groups of students who may not be having the same successes as other students i.e., aboriginal, children in care and special needs. The Framework goals are based on the Board of Educations’ Strategic Plan and will use current results as a base. The focus for the Framework will be on what structures and strategies need to be in place along with what evidence we need to use to meet our goals. The first meeting to talk about what SD5’s Framework will look like will be on April 26 with administrators, teachers, union presidents and district management in attendance. The plan will be developed over the Spring and brought back to the Board for approval.

Abbotsford magazine [www.abbyschools.ca/about/student-achievement](http://www.abbyschools.ca/about/student-achievement) - example of what Framework looks like in the Abbotsford School District.

Here is the link for the Ministry Data:

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/systemperformance/>

# **3. ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - nil**

# **4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS**

## **4.1 DSAC Report - no report; Blue Lake May 10-12, 2018 postponed until October 3-5, 2018**

## **4.2 DPAC Report**

Deb Therrien reported:

* DPAC AGM May 4-6 – Tara McKee, Deb Therrien and one more parent are attending the AGM in Vancouver this year
* Two parent education evenings for new graduation program will be held May 14 in Fernie at 6:30 p.m. at Fernie Secondary School and May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Baker Secondary School
* DPAC writing a letter of support for the replacement of Isabella Dicken Elementary School

## **4.3 SOGI Letter of Support - For information only**

* It is important that the Board see this letter as there is a lot of attention on this right now
* great talking points in the letter as well

Sharlene Charest is SD5’s district lead

* a link to SOGI123 website will be put on the front page of our website and pushed out to all schools

## **4.4 Columbia Institute Conference - Trustee Ayling – this item will be tabled until the next meeting**

 **4.5** **SOGI 123**

Trustee Johns proposed that a SOGI 1 2 3 Committee be created to organize a celebration after the Rainbow Crosswalk is painted outside the Board Office sometime in the middle of May. The Committee will consist of Trustee McPhee, Trustee Bellina, Trustee Whalen, Jason Tichauer and Lynn Hauptman. Trustee Johns is also meeting this Wednesday with students from Mt. Baker Secondary School to discuss putting forth a proposal to the City of Cranbrook to have at least one more Rainbow Crosswalk painted by Mt. Baker Secondary School with a possible second location elsewhere in the City. The District has a handle on this issue and will continue to create a greater understanding of SOGI 1 2 3 for everyone through various initiatives.

Rob Norum, Secretary-Treasurer entered the meeting.

# **5. BCSTA LETTERS**

## **5.1 Release of Rural Education Report**

## A discussion took place on how the Board is going to respond to this Report. It was decided to write a letter of support outlining concerns and questions that Chairperson Lento shared with the group. Secretary-Treasurer Rob Norum mentioned that the Board has until April 30 to submit a letter.

***Action item*** – Chairperson Lento and Secretary-Treasurer Rob Norum will compose a letter to the Honourable John Horgan outlining the Boards’ concerns with the Rural Education Report by April 30, 2018. Trustee Bellina will find out what the BCSTA plans to do with this Report and will bring information to the May Board meeting.

### **5.1.1 Mayor of Osoyoos**

File and Receive.

### **5.1.2 SD67**

File and Receive.

### **5.1.3 Thompson Okanagan Branch**

File and Receive.

### **5.1.4 Thompson Okanagan Branch**

File and Receive.

### **5.1.5 SD53**

File and Receive.

## **5.2 Poverty Reduction Plan**

### **5.2.1 SD8**

File and Receive.

## **5.3 Funding Model Review**

### **5.3.1 SD46**

File and Receive.

## **5.4 Reinstatement of BCPSEA's Board of Directors – they have been reinstated**

### **5.4.1 BCPSEA to BCSTA**

File and Receive.

### **5.4.2 MOE to BCSTA**

File and Receive.

## **5.5 Independent Review Panel**

### **5.5.1 Ltr to Chris Trumpy**

File and Receive.

## **5.6 Strategic Plan for Aboriginal Education**

### **5.6.1 BCSTA**

File and Receive.

## **5.7 Employer Health Tax/Payroll Tax**

### **5.7.1 SD38**

File and Receive.

### **5.7.2 SD61**

File and Receive.

### **5.7.3 VISTA**

File and Receive.

### **5.7.4 BCTF**

File and Receive.

## **5.8 Cannabis Business near School**

### **5.8.1 SD43**

File and Receive.

## **5.9 Nova Scotia's Decision to Abolish Locally Elected School Boards**

### **5.9.1 Canadian School Board Association**

***Recommendation A– M/S that the Board write a letter to the Premier of Nova Scotia in support of the Canadian School Boards Association’s letter submission regarding the Province of Nova Scotia’s decision to abolish locally elected school boards.***

File and Receive.

# **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.