

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 30, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Co-Chair Blumhagen

In Attendance: Trustee Bellina

Trustee Whalen

Trustee Ayling

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Trustee Helgesen (late)

Chairperson Lento

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**
   1. **Call to Order**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of May 30, 2016 was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Co-Chair Blumhagen.

This meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa People.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-16-07**

Addition: 4.8 Field Trip Application – MBSS Italy and Greece

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of May 30, 2016 is approved as amended.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-16-08**

The Minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 25, 2016 are approved as circulated.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. **Environmental Education Leadership Team Clinic held at Nipika April 23-26**

Highlights provided by Jennifer Roberts, Leigh Cormier, Kate Ruoss and Carissa Hart as follows:

* CBT and Vancouver Foundation provided funding for this Clinic comprised of 6 school districts
* Goal to embed all information learned into new curriculum
* Spent a lot of time talking about building life-long learners as critical thinkers
* implements First People Principles of Learning and Aboriginal perspectives; fits nicely in social and science curriculums
* provided rough action plan - take these ideas back to school teams for feedback
* challenges to overcome i.e., buy-in from teachers, time, funding, momentum implementation
* inquiry question - How do we deepen our students’ educational experience with relevant place-based learning? How can all members in our district maintain integrity in their relationship with the natural world?
* Next steps – shared with Principals/Vice-Principals, Trustees and other stakeholders; will hold a 6 week conference call with all districts; meeting June 9 with core environmental group at the Aboriginal Gathering Place at COTR
* Participants have made an ongoing commitment to continue to work with CBEEN and other districts; will be seeking a grant again to continue this work
  1. Grade 10 Nicaragua Presentation

Daralyn Theilen and her grade 10 students from Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary presented on their recent field trip to Nicaragua. Highlights included:

* Fundraised for 2 years in advance
* Students’ chose where they wanted to go
* They wanted to build in humanitarian/environmental opportunities into the trip as well as a history component
* demonstrated lots of learning going on outside the classroom, helping community and acts of service, empathy

1. **ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
   1. School Meal Program

Diane Casault updated Trustees on the numerous groups who kindly donate money to the district to help support our school meals programs. In addition to Community Links funding ($16,000), donors were very generous this year donating $14,000 for our 17 schools. A summary of donors/donations will be sent to Trustees.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS**
   1. **DSAC Report**

Trustee Bellina reported that there will be a face-to-face meeting for all DSAC students on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in Cranbrook. A report will follow.

* 1. **DPAC Report**

Trustee Ayling reported:

* + - Marian Haythorn presented the Parents as Career Councilors workshop in both Sparwood Secondary School and Mt. Baker Secondary School
    - parent information night to be held on the new curriculum Wednesday, June 15 from 7-8 pm at the Board Office
    - information given to PACs regarding gaming fund guidelines

* 1. **Student Services**

N/A

* 1. **Strategic Planning**

N/A

* 1. **Childcare/Strongstart Occupancy When Calculating Capacity Numbers**

***Recommendation A – M/S that the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Office of the Early Years and Maureen Dockendorff, Superintendent of Literacy and Numeracy to include actual usage numbers when calculating capacities in our schools. Copies should be sent to our regular stakeholders as well as the Vancouver School Board.***

* 1. **KES – Board Support in Acquiring a Formal PAC**

***Recommendation B – M/S that the Board of Education support the application for Kootenay Educational Services to form an official Parent Advisory Committee.***

* 1. **“Open the Doors Campaign”**

***Recommendation C – that the Board of Education write a letter of support to the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC for their “Open the Doors Campaign”. Copies to be sent to all regular stakeholders, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Post-Secondary Education.***

**4.8 Field Trip to Italy Greece Spring 2017 MBSS**

***Recommendation D – that the Board of Education tentatively approve, in principle, MBSS’s Field Trip Application to Italy/Greece in the Spring of 2017 .***

1. **BCSTA LETTERS**
   1. **Budget**

**5.1.1 SD50**

Receive and file.

**5.1.2 SD57**

Receive and file.

**5.1.3 SD20**

Receive and file.

* 1. **Letter from Minister Bernier re 2016/2017 Funding Allocations**

Receive and file.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of May 30, 2016 was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.