

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 28, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Trustee Bellina (on the phone)

In Attendance: Trustee Ayling

Regrets: Trustee Blumhagen

Trustee Whalen

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Brown

Trustee Helgesen

Trustee Lento (Chairperson)

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Rob Norum, Secretary-Treasurer

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Brent Reimer, Director of Instruction

Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

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

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of November 28, 2016 was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Trustee Bellina. This meeting is being held on the lands of the Ktunaxa People.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

Deletion: Item 2.2 - Presentation on Environmental Education will be postponed to the Board meeting.

**ADV-16-13**

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of November 28, 2016 is approved as amended.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-16-14**

The Minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of October 24, 2016 are approved as circulated.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. **Sports Academy – Russ Sheppard, Pete Stefano and Corey Spring**

A presentation, was given on a potential “Kootenay Athletic Academy” for grades 7-12, by Russ Sheppard, Pete Stefano and Corey Spring. The Academy would be a non-profit organization that, in partnership with SD5, will provide sport specifics and active living programs to enhance the school experience, allowing students to explore new passions or further develop existing passions.

Please see the attached presentation.

Discussion ensued; highlights included:

* Have obtained support from minor lacrosse as well as have held discussions with Chris New at the City of Cranbrook; waiting on support from SD5 to hold further discussion with other businesses
* Principals will initially invest with helping to set up a schedule that works with the teachers; no financial or Human Resources investment; relationships need to be built between with SD5 in order to promote and get students into the schools
* program being available to the whole district is a long-term goal; starting with Cranbrook first
* approach will be on a per student basis to see how it can be adapted to meet all students’ needs

Further discussion will ensue at the next Board Meeting.

1. **ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
   1. **ThoughtExchange Update**

Share and Star have now been completed on this process. We are waiting to plan the Discover process. There has been lots of participation thus far.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS**
   1. **DSAC Report –** no activity since the last report other than the students taking part in the ThoughtExchange process.
   2. **DPAC Report**

Trustee Ayling reported:

* BCCPAC Summit was held November 18 & 19
* Pre-discussion about R&R Program
* DPAC will draft letters in support of the Board’s letter re: Budget Needs and for the $1 Million SES SPED funding letter and the VSB firing
  1. **Student Services**

4.3.1 Update R&R Program

Darcy Verbeurgt updated the Committee on the Reference and Regulate Program for students with autism. Please see the attached report. Any new additions to the program are now on hold in the district and the reasons why were communicated to the Committee and to the parents in attendance. Additional strategies and training are being provided/implemented as the current R & R program is not flexible enough to meet the needs for all 117 students to be successful. Every student is looked at on an individual basis and the appropriate supports are then put in place. As the district moves forward there will be regular updates to this Committee. Experts will be consulted to make sure the best possible supports are implemented.

* 1. **Strategic Planning -** nil
  2. **Community Representation on City of Cranbrook Wellness and Heritage Committee**

***Recommendation A – that the Board approve Doug McPhee as the City of Cranbrook Wellness and Heritage representative.***

1. **BCSTA Letters**
   1. **SD 27**

Receive and file.

**SD 67**

Receive and file.

**SD 42**

Receive and file.

**SD 19**

Receive and file.

**SD 43**

Move to January 30 meeting.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of November 28, 2016 was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.