

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 24, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Co-Chair Whalen

In Attendance: Trustee Bellina

Trustee Ayling

Regrets: Trustee Blumhagen

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Trustee Helgesen

Chairperson Lento (late)

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

Jennifer Roberts, District Principal

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

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

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of October 24, 2016 was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Co-Chair Whalen. This meeting is being held on the lands of the Ktunaxa People.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

Addition: 4.5 MBSS Replacement – Plan B

4.6 Vancouver School Board

**ADV-16-11**

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 26, 2016 is approved as amended.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-16-12**

The Minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 26, 2016 are approved as circulated.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. **Portal Presentation**

Jennifer Roberts and Ryan McKenzie gave a demonstration of the Scholantis portal to Trustees. They showed the district side and what “My Site” looks like for teachers.

Highlights:

* Portal accessible by SD5 employees only
* Revamping teacher side of portal
* Ryan and Jennifer have visited almost all schools and introduced the portal to teachers
* Archiving feature very powerful for past performance on students
* Information is now stored in servers here at the Board Office but looking at moving data to a Canadian Cloud
* Encouraging teachers to teach digital citizenship to students
* If students are sick students and parents can go online and see what they missed
* Security is highly scrutinized
* Students can save and print their portfolios until Grade 12– waiting on next step to see how they can access it in the future

1. **ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
   1. **Gathering Information for Framework of Enhancing Student Learning – Update**

The Thoughtexchange online community engagement process will start next week. A link will be shared inviting staff/students/parents and the community to join the conversation about feedback on school experiences. Facilitated sessions will take place for students at the middle and secondary levels.

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

Trustee Bellina reported nothing further to report since the students met in September. DSAC students will be taking part in the Thoughtexchange process.

* 1. **DPAC Report**

Trustee Ayling reported:

* + - DPAC AGM was held
    - happy to report Debbie Therrien as President
    - excellent presentation on the newly revised curriculum
    - great turnout; 23 people in Cranbrook and 12 people in Fernie
  1. **Student Services**

Kelty Mental Health Literacy Workshops – Nov. 15

* Administrators, Youth Care Workers, Aboriginal Education Support Workers, Counsellors and Teachers will be attending
* focusing on mental wellness side of continuum
* additional evening session at the College of the Rockies from 6:30 -8:00 p.m.
* Darcy and Gail will be applying for a grant to hold a youth summit here in Cranbrook– application due Nov. 4 - $5000 grant
  1. **Communicating Student Learning – Information**
* Amazing committee has been formed involving teachers, administrators and district staff to give teachers information/options on reporting and assessment and to develop a district framework for reporting student learning
* Options will be reported to the Board once committee is finished
* Parents will also be part of the process – Regional Ministry Meeting on November 7th at McKim Middle School in Kimberley from 5 – 8:00 pm
* Guidelines will be set up but it is a work in progress
  1. **MBSS Replacement – Plan B**

Trustee Johns gave the background on the work that has been done regarding the replacement of MBSS and presented Plan B to move forward. A discussion took place. Please send any comments/suggestions on Plan B to Trustee Ayling.

* 1. **Vancouver School Board**

A discussion took place on the firing of the Vancouver School Board. Trustee Ayling asked for comments/suggestions on the two letters and the media release. The letter to the BCSTA will be distributed right away.

***Recommendation A – M/S that the letter to the government and the media release regarding the firing of the Vancouver School Board be forwarded to the November Board meeting for approval to be distributed.***

1. **BCSTA LETTERS**

nil

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of October 24, 2016 was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.