



**The Board of Education of
School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - EDUCATION/POLICY MEETING
November 26, 2012, 10:30 a.m.
Board Office**

IN ATTENDANCE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Co-Chair Trustee Damstrom

Trustee Ayling
Trustee Besanger
Trustee Brown
Bendina Miller, Superintendent of Schools
Diane Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning
Janice Paetz, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

REGRETS

IN ATTENDANCE – BOARD/DISTRICT STAFF

Trustee Bellina
Trustee Johns
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee Lento
Trustee Whalen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA - nil

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2012

Motion EP 2012-2

“That the Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 29, 2012 be approved.”

4.0 PRESENTATIONS - nil

5.0 POLICIES PASSED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING - nil

6.0 ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Laurie School Enrolment

- student population/cross boundary students will be reviewed next month once the data from Baragar arrives in December
- each school's enrolment capacity will also be reviewed

6.2 School Programs

- information was collected as a result of Trustee questions regarding what programs were in place to deal with suicide prevention
- brief discussion regarding the different types of programs
- would like this to be an annual report for Trustees

Committee Action A

"The Committee agreed to refer this item to the Advocacy Committee."

6.3 Draft Policy – School Board Operations

Trustee Johns advised only half of the policy is ready therefore this item will be deferred to the January meeting.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

7.1 Revised Policy 5.4 Student Eligibility for Bus Service

- the policy was revised in consultation with the Transportation Dept. as well as reviewing several policies from other school districts from around the province
- revisions address child care issues and priority seating
- forms should be available on-line
- minor punctuation/grammar corrections noted
- under 3 (d), change 'residence' to 'location'
- collection of courtesy rider fees can be a challenge
- discussion regarding liability as a result of having non-enrolled students riding our busses – Mr. Norum will seek clarification on this.

The revised policy will now be sent out to partner groups for feedback and will be brought back to the January meeting.

7.2 Draft Policy (BCPSEA) – Distributing Union/Political Information

- Mr. Reimer is not available to review the draft policy today
- Mrs. Casault gave a brief overview of the policy
- current agreement between BCTF and BCPSEA on the distribution of union/political information
- was as a result of arbitration and is in place until April 2013
- concerns expressed regarding wording that does not respect the rights and freedom of speech of our employees
- wording should be in a way that it can't be loosely interpreted by different parties
- need to ensure the policy has been reviewed by legal department
- Mr. Reimer will be asked to confirm with BCPSEA as to how the policy came to be agreed to by both parties.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS - nil

9.0 LATE ITEMS - nil

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.