



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - STUDENT SERVICES MEETING**

**October 23, 2023, 1:30 p.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Co-Chair Trustee Sarah Madsen
Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Chris Johns

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Bev Bellina
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Wendy Turner
Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Operations Manager Joe Tank
District Principal Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips
District Principal of Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent (recorder)
Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Madsen called the Student Services Committee meeting of October 23, 2023, to order at 1:03 p.m.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Ayling:

THAT the agenda for the Student Services Committee meeting of October 23, 2023, be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Clarke:

THAT the minutes of the Student Services Committee meeting of September 25, 2023, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Speech Language Pathologist Update

District Principal Verbeurgt provided an update on the recent hiring of a Speech Language Pathologist (0.9 Full Time Equivalent position).

2.2 Special Education Historical Data Analysis

District Principal Verbeurgt reviewed the data included in the agenda package.

RECOMMENDATION A

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Board of Education writes a letter to review and discuss underfunding of Special Education in the District. This letter will cite examples as provided in District Principal Verbeurgt's historical data.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. REPORTS

Nil

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 GAUGE Program Discussion

District Principal Verbeurgt provided a brief history of the GAUGE Program.

Discussion included:

- Blended programs
- Existing programs
- Alternate programs
- Impact of threat violence reporting

- Social Emotional Learning programs
- Lack of support in classrooms and in schools
- Trauma Informed Schools
- Inclusive spaces

RECOMMENDATION B

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Board of Education researches the feasibility of creating a GAUGE (or similar) alternate program across the District.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

6.1 In-District Response Training Program for Non-Violent Crisis Intervention

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Clark:

THAT the October 23, 2023, Student Services Committee meeting adjourn at 2:12 p.m.

Have we effectively addressed the needs of our most vulnerable students and their families?