



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Minutes - Advocacy/Education Committee**

**October 25, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members
In Attendance:

Co-Chair, Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)
Co-Chair, Trustee Patricia Whalen (remotely)
Trustee Wendy Turner

Regrets:

Trustee Trina Ayling

Board/District Staff in
Attendance:

Chairperson Frank Lento
Trustee Doug McPhee
Trustee Kathryn Kitt (remotely)
Trustee Krista Damstrom
Trustee Chris Johns
Superintendent Silke Yardley
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director Student Learning & Aboriginal Education Jason
Tichauer
Director Student Learning & Innovation Diane Casault
(remotely)
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer
Roberts (remotely)
District Principal of Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
Executive Assistant (Recorder) Gail Rousseau

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

I want to acknowledge that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

The Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting of October 25, 2021 was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Co-Chair Trustee Bellina.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Turner

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of October 25, 2021 is approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Turner

M/S that the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 27, 2021 be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Online Delivery Model - update - Jason Tichauer

Director Tichauer provided answers/clarification to some of the questions asked by the Board at the last Committee meeting. Some questions cannot be answered yet as the Ministry is in a holding pattern at this time.

- options for students whose districts cannot provide learning options
- all six (potentially) provincially authorized online learning schools will all be on the same platform, incorporate common learning standards with face-to-face components
- application process for these providers has not started yet but will be posted soon
- province in holding pattern until the Ministry figures out how and when they are going to have these online learning schools in place or who is going to apply

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

The next DSAC meeting is on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. on TEAMS.

4.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Wendy Turner reported:

- DPAC executive has been elected for the year; still looking for a vice-president
- they have arranged a call with the Deputy Public Health Officer and the Minister of Education regarding regulations for masks for K-3
- Jason Tichauer looking into a concern about TTOCs wearing masks

- hot lunch programs have started in schools
- traffic issues at MBSS are being dealt with by the RCMP
- MBSS PAC reported and are thrilled to be offering \$6000 in student scholarships

4.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) (Items determined by Superintendent)

4.3.1 Rainbow and Process - Jane Nixon, Laurel Giesbrecht, Gail Rousseau and Silke Yardley

Superintendent Yardley gave a brief outline of the process behind the Framework of Student Learning (FESL) Rainbow of opportunities and thanked the team – Jane Nixon, Laurel Giesbrecht and Gail Rousseau who, behind the scenes, created the process. There will be three separate intake opportunities, now, another in November and again in February. Lots of great work has been done to get to where we are today and is very helpful to have now everything in one place.

Superintendent Yardley introduced Jane Nixon, Executive Assistant, on behalf of the team, who went through a power point describing the process in more detail. Jane mentioned this power point has also been presented to the principals/vice-principals at their last meeting. A discussion on how and when to advertise the many different learning opportunities took place. Superintendent Yardley clarified how individual teachers can make individual choices for professional learning which are all tied to the FESL. This will also include in-service for any district mandated projects/programs.

4.3.2 Literacy Update - Erin Jones

Erin Jones, District Literacy Coordinator, outlined the District Strategic Literacy Plan (“The Plan”) for the 2021/2022 school year in response to our Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL).

The Plan’s highlights included:

- focussing on grade 2 literacy
- implementing a common benchmark reading assessment
- figuring out what teachers need to support their students; not about gathering data
- creating an awareness for systems and support
- will be using Fountas & Pinell and/or PM Benchmarks
- in-service sessions for Grade 2 teachers in both Elk Valley and Cranbrook throughout the year; will look at in-service for Grade 3 teachers next year
- focussing on whole school culture working together to support all needs of learners in classrooms
- projects starting on November 1st – the Why? December 1st the How? And February 10 – What’s Next?

- building bridges across the district
- also offering after school sessions as well as out of district sessions for supporting at risk learners

Comments/discussion:

- French Immersion students receiving same teacher professional learning opportunities
- the data is important, but we need to consider childhood development

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Race Based Data Legislation

7.1.1 Ltr from Ministry of Social Development

Receive and file.

7.2 Premier's Award for Excellence

7.2.1 Ltr from Jennifer Whiteside

Receive and file.

7.3 Funding Independent Schools

7.3.1 SD 52

Receive and file.

7.4 Vaccinations

7.4.1 SD 58

Receive and file.

7.5 COVID-19 Funding

7.5.1 SD 72 to Premier

Receive and file.

7.5.2 SD 72 to Prime Minister

Receive and file.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Turner

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Have we continued to enhance high standards, noble expectations, elevated commitments, and quality performances to support student achievement?