

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 26, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Trustee Whalen (chair)

In Attendance: Trustee Ayling

Trustee Bellina (by phone)

Regrets: Trustee Blumhagen

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Chairperson Lento

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

Jennifer Roberts, District Principal

Brent Reimer, Director of Human Resources

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

# **1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

## I would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people.

## **1.1 Call to Order**

The Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting of February 26, 2018 was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Co-Chair Whalen.

## **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-17-09**  
M/S that the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 26, 2018 is approved as circulated.

## **1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-17-10**  
M/S that the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of January 29, 2018 be approved as circulated.

# **2. PRESENTATIONS**

## **2.1 Pride Organization - Gary Dalton**

Gary Dalton from the Cranbrook Pride Organization, along with Cheyenne and Glen, introduced themselves and gave the Trustees information about the Cranbrook Pride Organization. Highlights included:

* Organization meets on a regular basis at the College of the Rockies (COTR)
* First public pride event was six years ago
* Cranbrook Pride Society was formalized in 2014; membership growing
* Outlined upcoming Pride events i.e., family day picnic in Rotary Park on the first weekend in June; youth movie night at the COTR; etc.
* Working on other initiatives in Cranbrook and in other communities i.e., raising rainbow flags; rainbow crosswalks; would like to be part of SD5 Rainbow Crosswalk initiative at Board Office
* resources and support have been given to many schools and organizations
* need to fundraise for more paraphernalia and resources; Trustee Johns has offered to meet with Society to brainstorm and bring back to Committee
* Jason Tichauer will connect Society with names of gay/straight alliances in other communities

## **2.2 CBEEN Update**

Jennifer Roberts gave a brief presentation to Trustees on the KBEE (Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education) group, which was created in 2015, which supports K-12 with an environmental focus across the region and consists of members from School Districts 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 51. Many resources are being shared and a lot of collaboration is happening in numerous areas. More information/resources/videos can be found at [www.KBEE.ca](http://www.KBEE.ca) as well as [www.CBEEN.ca](http://www.CBEEN.ca)

A discussion took place on funding this work in the future.

# **3. ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - nil**

# **4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS**

## **4.1 DSAC Report**

A face-to-face meeting of DSAC students was held on February 20, 2018 at Fernie Secondary School.  Highlights included:

* a report from Student Voice focusing on a distracted driving provincial initiative
* conversations around the new graduation program which was a continuation from the last meeting earlier this year and which will continue at Blue Lake which has been secured for May 10-12, 2018
* discussion about a student trustee will also be continued at Blue Lake

## **4.2 DPAC Report**

A DPAC meeting was held on January 31, 2018.  Highlights included:

* hopeful a new Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will be appointed at the next meeting on February 28
* BCCPAC conference will hopefully be attended by the new Chair and past Chair
* a letter was received from the Gordon Terrace Elementary School PAC which is attached to the minutes; Deb Therrien will respond to the letter
* Thank you to Deb Therrien for being a great advocate for DPAC

# **5. BCSTA LETTERS**

## **5.1 Rural Education Enhancement Fund**

### **5.1.1 SD28 – Receive and file.**

## **5.2 Funding Review Survey**

### **5.2.1 SD 61 – Receive and file.**

# **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 26, 2018 was adjourned at 10.19 a.m.