



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

**September 25, 2023, 2:30 p.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Wendy Turner
Co-Chair Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Bev Bellina
Trustee Sarah Madsen

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Chris Johns
Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
Director of Student Learning and Indigenous Education Jason Tichauer
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
District Principal of Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent (recorder)
Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Co-Chair Trustee Clarke called the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of September 25, 2023, to order at 2:59 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Bellina:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of September 25, 2023, be approved as amended.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Madsen:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of August 28, 2023, be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Private School Funding

Trustee Johns suggested that letters sent to the Ministry and the responses received regarding private school funding be reviewed and discussed at the next Advocacy Education Committee meeting on October 23, 2023.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 District Literacy Plan for 2023-24

District Literacy teacher, Erin Jones, presented the District Literacy Plan for 2023-24. This PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda package.

3.2 District Numeracy Plan for 2023-24

District Numeracy, Kathy Conlin, presented the District Numeracy Plan for 2023-24. This PowerPoint presentation was included in the agenda package.

Parent sessions on numeracy will be available at schools by request during the year.

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

Nil

4.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Turner provided an update from the DPAC meeting on September 13, 2023. She reviewed the positive feedback received about school start up, new staff, smaller classes and other school activities and celebrations.

4.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL)

The 2023-2024 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning is due on October 3, 2023.

The document will be reviewed for submission at the special in-camera meeting of the Board of Education on September 25, 2023.

4.4 Child Care

District Principal Phillips reviewed the Early Learning and Child Care report included with the agenda package.

4.5 Equity In Action Report

Director Tichauer provided the comprehensive equity scan results to the Committee. A copy of the Equity in Action report will be provided to Trustees. This report will not be included in the public meeting minutes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Elkford Secondary Extra Curricular Trip - March 2024

Principal Skelton reviewed the submission of the request for a spring break trip to Germany and Poland included in the agenda package.

Discussion included:

- Number of staff chaperones
- Social emotional learning of the trip
- What is in place to deal with trauma of seeing historical sites (for students and staff)
- Transportation of students from Elkford to Calgary (return)
- Risk levels for the trip
- Pre-existing conditions and insurance coverage
- Covid-19 policy
- Accessibility for all students to attend this trip
- Fundraising
- Passport applications
- Support of governments of Germany and Poland

RECOMMENDATION A

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Turner:

THAT the Board of Education reviews and approves the extra-curricular trip to Germany and Poland for Elkford Secondary School.

5.2 Child Care Information to All Communities

RECOMMENDATION B

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Turner:

THAT the Board of Education writes a letter to each municipality, the Regional District of East Kootenay, and the area MLA, to provide the same information that is being sent to the City of Cranbrook on the status of Child Care in School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

5.3 Parkland Middle School Trip to Disneyland

Superintendent Johnson advised the Board of Education of the Parkland Middle School trip request to Disneyland in 2024.

5.4 CFTA letter regarding Foundation Skills Assessment

RECOMMENDATION C

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Turner:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) supports parents who choose to withdraw their child from the FSA.

5.5 Motion Building

Trustee Ayling discussed the motion building session offered by Kootenay Boundary Branch.

Trustee Ayling further suggested that the Board of Education discuss motions that the Board would like to bring forward to the Kootenay Boundary Branch.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Madsen/Turner:

THAT the September 25, 2023, Advocacy Education Committee meeting adjourn at 5:12 p.m.

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