



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)**

Minutes - Advocacy/Education Committee

**September 27, 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 (remotely)
Trustee Trina Ayling

Board/District Staff in
Attendance:

Chairperson Frank Lento
Trustee Doug McPhee
Trustee Kathryn Kitt
Trustee Krista Damstrom (remotely)
Superintendent Silke Yardley
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor (staff as of Oct 1) (remotely)
Director Student Learning & Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer
Director Student Learning & Innovation Diane Casault (remotely)
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts
District Principal of Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
Secretary Treasurer Alan Rice
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 September 27, 2021 was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Co-Chair Trustee Bellina.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Ayling:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 27, 2021 is approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of August 30, 2021 be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Online Delivery Model - Jason Tichauer

Director Tichauer outlined the changes to the K-12 Online Learning program coming in 2022. Highlights included:

- district will update all verbiage and signing to reflect the change in wording to Online Learning
- there will now be provincial learning schools contracted by the province
- local Online Learning schools cannot register out of district students and get full funding
- students cannot be funded over 1.0 FTE in grades 10, 11, 12 as in the past; they can have as many courses as they want
- adult students– teachers in brick-and-mortar schools can access ShareEDBC; teachers in brick- and-mortar schools - part of their assignment would be in the Online Learning program

Questions/Concerns from the Committee:

- K-7 options for online learning from home entirely-need clarification; modern online learning are blended models; we are allowed to say learning from home is a blended model; does not say we can't have a blended model
- K-7 options - concerns about direction we may be pushed into where it could impact our funding and resources
- concern for students at elementary level to opt into brick and mortar program and part-time online learning; this did not work for some students in Covid
- What is the maximum number of courses we can register for online learning? For grades 8-12 students can be registered full time and take extra courses online
- Who are the provincial learning schools? need more information as to how these schools are administered
- What about connectivity? How are they supporting infrastructure for our students? Policy changes are around structure and not access

Director Tichauer will do research and contact the Ministry of Education regarding the questions noted.

4. REPORTS

4.1 DSAC Report

Director Tichauer is hoping an in-person meeting with DSAC students can be scheduled after Oct. 1st.

4.2 DPAC Report

Trustee Turner reported:

- traffic/speed is an issue again around Mt. Baker Secondary School which administration is aware of and dealing with
- Superintendent Yardley mentioned which professional development sessions on Oct. 1st would be relevant for parents
- bussing question was brought up for French Immersion students – it was suggested to talk to Joe Tank about concerns
- communication from schools to parents is not as frequent as last year; Superintendent Yardley advised parents to contact school principals if they have questions
- next DPAC meeting is Oct. 13

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

Superintendent Yardley gave an update on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning:

- impressed with the number of schools who applied for projects; we hope to offer projects every year; there is funding available for schools who have not applied for a project (Operating Holdback Grant – specifically targeted to address learning needs due to the impact of the Pandemic); 3 intakes per year
- Grade 2 elementary administrator’s literacy meeting being held September 28
- digital citizenship sessions already happening with up to 25 in a session
- will share further learning opportunities and our “Rainbow of Learning” at a future meeting; will also be sharing these with administrators on October 13
- variety of learning sessions available for schools to attend; based on schools’ growth plans

Comments:

- appreciate the invitational approach to the projects
- appreciate the short-term project timeline

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Funding

7.1.1 Letter from MOE to SD 67

Receive and file.

7.1.2 SD 52

Receive and file.

7.2 BCSTA AGM

7.2.1 Honourable Anne Kang to BCSTA

Receive and file.

7.2.2 Mike Farnworth to BCTSA

Receive and file.

7.3 Anti-Racism

7.3.1 Minister Whiteside to Education Partners

Receive and file.

7.3.2 Minister Whiteside re Minister's Community Roundtable on Anti-Racism

Receive and file.

7.4 Framework Review Program

7.4.1 Deputy Minister to BCSTA

Receive and file.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Ayling:

THAT the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting adjourn at 10:31 a.m.