



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

**October 23, 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 Indigenous Education Jason Tichauer  
Director of Instruction and Human Resources Brent Reimer  
District Principal Early Learning and Child Care Laura-Lee Phillips  
District Vice Principal Human Resources and Health & Safety Jaslene Atwal  
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer and Superintendent (recorder)  
Jane Nixon

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Co-Chair Trustee Turner called the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of October 23, 2023, to order at 2:20 p.m.

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Bellina:

THAT the agenda of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of October 23, 2023, be approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Madsen:

THAT the minutes of the Advocacy Education Committee meeting of September 25, 2023, be approved as circulated.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 Private School Funding**

Trustee Johns requested this item be carried forward to the November 27, 2023, Committee agenda.

**2.2 Equity in Action**

Director Tichauer gave a brief update. This item will be carried forward to the November 27, 2023 agenda.

**2.3 Motion Building**

**RECOMMENDATION A**

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Bellina:

THAT the Board of Education supports work on building the following motions for the Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB) motion building session:

- Gender Based Violence
- Anti Bullying Measures
- Neurodiversity
- Special Education funding
- Aging infrastructure with a focus on air quality

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 The Canadian Friends of Nepal and Gordon Terrace School's Nepal Project**

Presentation by the Canadian Friends of Nepal.

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 DSAC Report**

Director Tichauer reported on the October District Student Advisory Committee meeting with 45 student leaders.

#### **4.2 DPAC Report**

Co-Chair Trustee Turner thanked Director Tichauer for his attendance at the District Parent Advisory Committee. She also provided an update from some of the parent advisory committees represented at the meeting.

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

Superintendent Johnson provided the FESL update. Schools are currently completing school growth plans. These growth plans will be posted on the school websites and the District site.

Superintendent Johnson also reported on the District Strategic Plan Working Session on October 18, 2023. There was also a brief discussion regarding the student panel selection.

#### **4.4 Child Care**

District Principal Phillips updated the Committee on the Early Years.

The Child Care discussion was continued during the Finance Operations Personnel in-camera meeting. Superintendent Johnson and District Principal Phillips will draft a letter regarding the status of Child Care in the District.

#### **5. New Business**

Nil

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Nil

#### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Bellina:

THAT the October 23, 2023, Advocacy Education Committee meeting adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

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