

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 29, 2018 9:30 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Trustee Bellina (chair)

In Attendance: Trustee Ayling

Trustee Whalen (by phone)

Trustee Blumhagen

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Trustee Helgesen

Trustee Lento (late)

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent Brent Reimer, Director, Human Resources

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

Jennifer Roberts, District Principal

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 October 29, 2018 was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Co-Chair Bellina.

## **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Additions: nil

M/S that the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of October 29, 2018 is approved as circulated.

## **1.3 Approval of Minutes**

M/S that the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of May 28, 2018 and September 24, 2018 be approved as circulated.

# **2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 EECOM National Conference Award – Jennifer Roberts**

Highlights of conference include:

* Chief Joe Pierre and Sophie Pierre opened the conference
* conference celebrated and honored the voices and presence of indigenous people; opened peoples’ hearts and minds
* shared how KBEEN does things
* over 100 sessions modelling outdoor education
* Minister of Education was also in attendance
* 13 field studies in and around the area took place; SD5 provided busses
* Cheryl Lenardon and Jennifer Roberts presented on place-based learning
* Mardelle Sauerborn won an award for Environmental Excellence
* KBEE (SD’s 5,6,8,10,20 and 51) won an award for Outstanding K-12 School District
* Duncan Whittick won EECOM Award for Outstanding Individual in an Organization
* Highlighted Take Me Outside Day and incentives for teachers to sign up before October 31 to win 2 nights at Blue Lake

Discussion included:

* teachers across Canada are invested in outdoor education but most don’t have same district initiative about doing it daily
* the indigenous part is nationwide; how they are making those connections is interesting too; learned a lot about how different Nations do different things
* lots of educators from across BC and Canada were in attendance as well as several superintendents and assistant superintendents, district management teams
* when KBEE gets together they talk about education; it does not happen that way in other districts
* really good discussions at the various field studies on how to protect the environment for the future

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

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

## **4.1 DSAC Report**

## Highlights of the DSAC Meeting on October 18:

* + Joe Pierre and Faye O’Neil facilitated the day
  + theme of the day had an indigenous focus
  + students were very engaged and connected with each other more and more as the day went on
  + Kate Russell and David Doll facilitated a session on DSAC Terms of Reference
  + a values and ethical decision making session was led by Joe Pierre; students were asked to draw something they valued; students’ values (drawings) will be kept and given back to the group on the last DSAC day this school year
  + Ktunaxa Stick Game was played with all students emphasizing student leadership skills

## **4.2 DPAC Report**

## Trustee Ayling reported:

* + thank you to Rob Norum for the excellent presentation at DPAC explaining the surplus
  + District and DPAC still looking at cameras for meeting room
  + DPAC Chair attending BCCPAC Leadership Summit at the beginning of November in Vancouver
  + Tara McKee from T.M. Roberts is DPAC chair
  + Still looking for a Treasurer and a Vice-Chair
  + Next DPAC meeting is Nov. 14

**4.3 MBSS Field Trip to Japan**

Mark Paron, teacher at MBSS, is taking 11 students to Japan; still hoping to have other students sign up. A discussion about fundraising took place.

***Recommendation A – M/S that the Board tentatively approve the MBSS field trip to Japan.***

# **5. BCSTA LETTERS**

## **5.1 Funding Model Review**

5.1.1 Receive and file. Do we know status of the report? It was mentioned at the Deputy Minister’s meeting last week but will be several months before the report is released.

5.1.2 Receive and file.

**5.2 Opioid Crisis**

5.2.1 Receive and file. Trustee Ayling will bring more information regarding this topic to the next Advocacy/Education Committee meeting. Jason Tichauer will also talk to Katie Forgeron, RCMP for more information and bring back to the next meeting.

**5.3 Teacher Training in Rural Areas**

5.3.1 Receive and file.

**5.4 Commencing Negotiations with BCTF**

5.4.1 Receive and file.

**5.5 Teacher Led Mentorship Initiatives**

5.5.1 Receive and file.

**5.6 BCCPAC Resolutions**

5.6.1 Receive and File.

***Recommendation B – M/S that the Board write thank you letter to BCCPAC for their letter of September 12, 2018.***

***This item will be brought back to the next Advocacy/Education Committee meeting.***

# **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.