

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 25, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Co-Chair Ayling

In Attendance: Trustee Bellina

Trustee Blumhagen

Trustee Whalen

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Chairperson Lento

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**
   1. **Call to Order**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 25, 2016 was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Co-Chair Ayling.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-16-05**

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 25, 2016 is approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-16-06**

The Minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 22, 2016 are approved as circulated.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. I-Ride Presentation

John Mandryk, Mel McFarlane, Glenn Dobie and Randy McLeod presented the

iRide Youth Cycling Program. Highlights included:

* Cycling BC has developed a program called iRide to introduce children to the sport of cycling; targeting grade 4 students
* 5-6 schools in Cranbrook are already running the program along with JEJSS
* Program really starting to build enthusiasm throughout region
* Have trained 7-8 coaches so far in Cranbrook
* asking for SD5’s Boards’ blessing and feedback

Discussion/Comments:

* Would like to see it extend beyond Jaffray
* Incorporate training for coaches in the RSA Day next year
* 26 bikes have been donated since the start of the Program; each school tells iRide how many bikes are needed for the class
* iRide stores bikes as well as maintains them
* various modules to add to training i.e., maintenance, safety
* I-ride coaching clinic is 2 days of training; 1 day is possible but a bit overwhelming; if teachers already have level 1 coaching they would need 1 day of training
* actual sessions are 3-4 hours
* program partners – looking for more of a formal buy-in
* June is ride to work month with a possible iRide to school day in 2017
* sponsorship by the Board would be helpful
* huge lack of bike safety knowledge throughout community

***Recommendation A – M/S that the Board of Education write a letter of support for the IRide Youth Cycling Program.***

* 1. **School Growth Plan – Laurie Middle School**

David Standing presented Laurie Middle School’s Growth Plan. Highlights included:

* + - Growth plan in action; staff worked with 3 questions to form Plan
    - How can the current timetable structure be changed to better meet the needs of students?
    - How can we meet the grade level science inquiry based opportunities outlined in the new science curriculum?
    - How can Project Based Learning be incorporated into each grade specific level to complement the goals of the new social studies curriculum?
    - Why? - timetable right now does allow for flexibility; need to engage students with new curriculum
    - Need to take a closer look at a particular group that are not engaged
    - big ideas curriculum allows us to do things in ways we have never done in the past; students deserve it
    - teachers need to be mentors now and help students find things that excites them
    - inquiry focus for science and socials
    - What? – through collaborative teams i.e., group heading to lower mainland to visit two innovative schools to look at their alternate timetable structures
    - Will it work? It’s not always easy; it will work if we respect where everyone is at in the continuum
    - Science and Socials PLCs have come up with plans on what they are going to do with the new curriculum; we are all committed; Administration is committed to supporting teachers with change

Questions/Comments:

* Timetable changes and using MyEducation to report - MyEducation is not staying static; it will change to meet the needs of province
* Not a lot of feedback/questions from parent community responding to changes to curriculum
* parent information night set with DPAC in June in both Cranbrook and the Elk Valley
* LMS combining May 31 year end band concert with the grand reopening of new gym; will send invite to Board and major contributors/partners/media

1. **ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. **CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS**
   1. **DSAC Report**

Trustee Bellina reported that there will be a face-to-face meeting for all DSAC students on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in Cranbrook. A report will follow.

* 1. **DPAC Report**

Trustee Johns reported:

* + - DPAC meeting on June 15 will have regular meeting followed with a session on the revised curriculum for parents
    - BCCPAC AGM and motions coming out
    - parent career coaching May 16 & 17 in Sparwood and MBSS
  1. **Student Services**
  2. **Strategic Planning**
  3. **School Meal Program**

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

Discussion/Comments: This report should be released to the Poverty Reduction Committee in Cranbrook.

1. **BCSTA LETTERS**
   1. **New Curriculum**

**5.1.1 SD19**

Receive and file.

**5.1.2 SD8**

Receive and file.

A discussion took place on whether or not the Board should formally acknowledge receipt of all BCSTA letters. It was decided to send follow up letters to only those letters that the Board specifically asks for a response.

***Recommendation B – M/S that the Board write a letter to the BCSTA inquiring as to the process for timely distribution of letters to other Boards.***

* 1. **SD40- Repeal of Section 43 of Criminal Code**

A discussion took place on this Section and clarification was given as follows:

* new policy has come out from the Ministry on physical restraint and seclusion which has been shared with all staff
* confusion around reasonable steps or reasonable force;
* criminal law is federal law
* provincial government stepping in and making pseudo law
* if a Section is repealed federally it doesn’t matter what provincial law is
* if you look at case law on the Section you might have a better sense of why this letter has been written
* the slang for this Section is called the “spanking law”; it’s about using force for discipline and not about restraint
* this Section is original criminal code used back in the days when schools were allowed corporal punishment – this is more for parents and not for schools

Receive and file.

* 1. **SD28 – Financial Pressures**

Receive and file.

* 1. **SD69 – CBC Interview with Minister Bernier**

***Recommendation C – M/S that the Board of Education write a letter of thanks to SD69 for writing to Minister Bernier regarding his CBC Interview on February 23, 2016 with a copy to be sent to all regular stakeholders.***

Receive and file.

A discussion took place as to how best to get the word out to parents on how the Board advocates for public education.

Suggestions included:

* Sending all Advocacy letters home with students
* refer parents to the website for advocacy letters
* Ask or suggest to Principals to put a link in their newsletters to the website with a catchy phrase to “read more”
* Trustee Ayling would like to see one takeaway from each Board meeting – possibly worded as “message from the Board” in newsletters
* Power of Facebook and social media

Superintendent Hauptman will consult with Principals and bring any ideas/discussion back to the next Advocacy/Education Committee meeting.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 25, 2016 was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.