

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 26, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Co-Chair Whalen

In Attendance: Trustee Bellina (phone)

Trustee Blumhagen

Trustee Ayling

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Chairperson Lento (late)

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

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

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 26, 2016 was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Co-Chair Whalen. This meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa People.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-16-09**

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 26, 2016 is approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-16-10**

The Minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of May 30, 2016 are approved as circulated.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. **Mount Baker Secondary School’s Wellness Clinic**

Highlights:

* This Clinic has been 17 years in the making
* Students can access a health nurse or other trained professionals three times a week at lunch time
* teen pregnancy concerns prompted this committee to pull together to form a clinic with a holistic approach
* support for students around sexual health, addictions and other wellness related questions
* modelled after the wellness clinic in Revelstoke
* clinic is a work in progress and will grow with needs expressed by students
* Committee felt a need in the school right now
* looking to add proper signage

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, September 27, 2016 in Cranbrook. A report will follow.

* 1. **DPAC Report**

Trustee Ayling reported:

* + - Renewed curriculum nights for parents - Oct. 12, 7-8 pm follows the DPAC AGM at the Cranbrook Board Office and in Fernie Secondary School at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 19
    - HSBC closing its local branch January 1 which may affect more than one PAC; Debbie Therrien will attend the upcoming information night and then send out the information to PACs
  1. **Student Services**

Overview of our District’s Student Services staffing

* Student Services Teacher = 25.2 (up from 23.9)
* Education Assistants = 75 elementary (down two); 43 secondary (down 3)
* Additional 1 million in EdFund and Support LIF funding

and funding

* Generated funding = $7.67 million
* Additional district funding from the basic allocation = $1.73 million
* 10 students who are physical dependent (up one)
* 101 students who have moderate to profound intellectual disabilities, chronic health or physical disabilities, visual or hearing impairments (down ten)
* 113 students on the autism spectrum (up seven)
* 156 students who require intensive supports for mental illness or externalized behavior (down 13)

There are additional funds that support counsellors, Aboriginal Education Support Workers and Youth Care Workers. We are currently filling a Speech-Language Pathologist position and a Hearing Resource Teacher position. A retired hearing resource teacher is interested in helping us out in the interim until the position is filled. A discussion was held on anxiety in students and what category they fit into. Darcy explained there are many supports in place including the Friends program, Mind-Up Program, counsellors, youth care workers, aboriginal education support workers, positive mental wellness plans, meetings with parents, school community and outside agencies for kids needing more intensive supports.

* 1. **Strategic Planning**

N/A

* 1. **Gathering Information for Framework of Student Achievement**

This year we will be gathering information from all stakeholders about our district goals using Thoughtexchange. Information gathering will take place in a variety of ways i.e., videos, comments, interviews, etc., including a survey. We will then pull a small group together to work on finding common themes. We have come up with 4 questions but Thoughtexchange may tweek the questions slightly. We hope to the have the survey out by end of October so we can pull group together no later than January. This will also help with strategic planning for the Board.

Comments:

* student responses need to be easily identified
* Aboriginal Education Support workers have already been asked for their input and the District Student Advisory Council will be asked tomorrow
* Suggestion that questions 1 and 2 be separated into two separate questions each; two different answers to ensure rich data
* ask parents not to use children’s names this time around
  1. **Foundation Skills Assessment**

Our district, in consultation with the Union, will wait for the new assessment which will be adopted next year. The new assessment was written by teachers and has some very interesting elements to it. We have just heard about it and have not seen it yet. This will be the last year of the old version of the FSA.

1. **BCSTA LETTERS**
   1. **Budget Pressures/Needs – 2016/2017 Funding**

**5.1.1 SD28**

Receive and file.

**5.1.2 SD8**

Receive and file.

**5.1.3 SD61**

Receive and file.

**5.1.4 SD48**

Receive and file.

* 1. **Minister’s Visit**

**5.2.1 SD8**

Receive and file.

* 1. **Administrative Savings**

**5.3.1 SD46**

Receive and file.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of September 26, 2016 was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.