

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 24, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

**Board Office**

Committee Members Trustee Whalen (Chair)

In Attendance: Trustee Ayling

Trustee Bellina

Trustee Blumhagen

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown

Trustee Lento

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

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**
   1. **Call to Order**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 24, 2017 was called to order by Trustee Whalen at 9:05 a.m. This meeting is being held on the lands of the Ktunaxa People.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-16-17**

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 24, 2017 is approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-16-18**

The Minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 27, 2017 are approved as circulated.

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. **Rainbow Crosswalk Project at Fernie Secondary School**

Finley Kuijt and Kate Brennan, students, and Janet Kuijt, Teacher from FSS presented the Rainbow Crosswalk Project at Fernie Secondary School. Sonia Mende was also involved in the project but unable to attend the presentation. Highlights included:

* First Rainbow Crosswalk painted in Vancouver in 2013; helps to educate communities against hate crimes
* Rainbow project one more example of support for LGBTQ+ communities
* Looking for support from the Board and the City of Fernie
* Collaboration with FSS and SD5 maintenance to plan painting
* considering asking the City for an additional downtown location for a rainbow crosswalk
* entertain idea for additional crosswalks at other SD5 schools
* asking Board to provide financial assistance or in-kind donation
* potential cost $495 (commitment from Canadian Tire for donation of rollers and tape)
* Potential additional donors –FSS, PAC, SD5, C.O.F., Fernie Pride Society, Teck, CBT-Vancouver

Comments/Suggestions:

* Trustee Whalen to connect Janet Kuijt to the Mayor of Smithers, B.C. who have a Crosswalk already in place
* Involve DSAC with the project
* Lynn will talk with Rob Norum and Joe Tank for an in-kind support
* suggestion for a “go fund me” type of fundraising page
* Trustee McPhee to connect RCMP to FSS
* t-shirts can be ordered; suggestion to include a donation through t-shirts sales

***Recommendation A – M/S that the Board support the Rainbow Crosswalk Project at Fernie Secondary School.***

1. **ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
   1. **IBM Update – Jennifer Roberts**

Jennifer Roberts provided the Board with an update on the progress regarding the IBM Technology plan for the district. Highlights included:

* Met with core team and focus groups to get information
* Need to decide priorities and ensure rollout matches
* Outlined IBM’s learning plan framework; need to look at pedagogy and curriculum changes
* Many successes to celebrate already i.e., mobile carts in classrooms, helping teachers; access points in schools; app catalogue just to name a few
* Outlined strategic recommendations – plan should be program-led, strong leaderships, financial discipline and commitment for sustainability
* reviewed Top 10 teaching and learning recommendations, focus areas and the need to facilitate open learning space to support collaboration
* will be developing a digital resources sub-team – determining software and digital resources
* student access –need to figure out a plan that will work for everyone
* BYOD planning and recommendations
* plan focusing on educational priorities and keep it in line with vision statement of the school district; still lots of work done

Comments/questions:

* Do we have a plan in place to deal with WiFi issues meeting the needs of all users? Yes, an infrastructure plan will be in place to address these issues
* Suggestion to have teachers as members of the Transformative Leadership Team and a strategy should be in place for keeping TTOCs up-to-date with technology training
* push coming from provincial government –should have targeted funding for Boards – are we advocating for this?
* Suggestion to write letter of support for RDEK $28 million project to support stronger broadband throughout the region
* DSAC has given input in the past as have other students through surveys; there is more examples of student input in bigger plan including student focus groups; opportunity for learning at a different level

***Recommendation B – M/S that the Board write a letter of support to Rob Gay, Chair of the Kootenay Boundary Broadband Committee in support of their application to the Connect Innovate Program.***

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

Trustee Bellina gave a brief report of the April 5 meeting in Fernie. Students provided input on the SOGI Policy and the Code of Conduct which is in the package. It was a very good working day for the students. DSAC would like to go to Blue Lake again in September but there is no money to support this. It is very important for them to meet together and they will be looking at fundraising ideas. The next meeting is June 6 here at the board office.

* 1. **DPAC Report**

Highlights:

* + - DPAC updating Bylaws and will be sent out to PACs once completed
    - BCCPAC recorded the all-candidates forum which is available online
    - 2 reps will attend the BCCPAC AGM in May
    - Debbie Therrien has been nominated for the BCCPAC Outstanding Parent Award for the District
    - a motion was passed to sign the parent use of social media letter with other district partners
    - next meeting May 17

1. **BCSTA Letters**
   1. **Rural Education Strategy**

**5.1.1 SD28**

Receive and file.

**5.1.2 SD20**

Receive and file.

* 1. **FSA**

**5.2.1**. **SD42**

Receive and file.

* 1. **Child Care**

**5.3.1** **SD69**

Receive and file.

* 1. **Core Funding for Aboriginal Education**

**5.4.1 SD23**

Receive and file.

* 1. **BCSTA**

**5.5.1**

Receive and file.

**5.5.2**

Receive and file.

**5.5.3**

Receive and file.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 24, 2017 was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.