

**The Board of Education of**

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

**MINUTES - ADVOCACY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**Board Office**

Committee Members Trustee Blumhagen (chair)

In Attendance: Trustee Ayling

Trustee Bellina (by phone)

Trustee Whalen

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Brown)

Trustee Helgesen (late)

Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent

Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

Jennifer Roberts, District Principal

Brent Reimer, Director of Human Resources

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

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

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of January 29, 2018 was called to order by Trustee Blumhagen at 9:33 a.m. This meeting is being held on the lands of the Ktunaxa People.

* 1. **Approval of Agenda**

**ADV-17-07**

The Agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of January 29, 2018 was approved as circulated.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes**

**ADV-17-08**

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

1. **PRESENTATIONS**
   1. **2017 Adolescent Drug Survey**

Dean Nicholson, Executive Director, EKASS, presented the 2017 Adolescent Drug Survey results. The survey was designed to give current and relevant information on substance use patterns, attitudes and behaviours amongst Grade 7-12 students in the East Kootenay (including SD6, Creston and the private schools (Region)). The results also help shape current counselling, education and prevention programs. A complete report can be found on their website at [www.ekass.com](http://www.ekass.com).

Highlights include:

* 2679 surveys were distributed; 1918 surveys representing 72% of SD5 students were used in the final analysis
* Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana use rates in SD5 in 2017 are slightly lower than Regional rates
* lifetime rates for these 3 substances have decreased since 2005
* Younger kids are using e-cigarettes or vaping rather than tobacco; still figuring out impact on health
* all other substances are decreasing in use i.e., hallucinogens, downers, cocaine etc.;

Questions/Comments:

* Not enough data to figure out connection between pain killers and steroid use
* discussion around marijuana legalization July 1st and if there may be an increase in stats for using marijuana - there may be a bit of a blip because of novelty factor but marijuana will eventually be in same category as alcohol
* more advertising about the risk of marijuana use while driving will be a priority; information needs to get out there and be readily available
* discussion about different effects for different users due to frequency of use and difference strains of marijuana
* drinking and driving reports have dropped significantly over the last 10 years
* the 2019 Adolescent Drug survey will include the questions regarding driving and using marijuana
  1. **EDI Results**

Diane Casault gave a brief presentation on the CHEQ (Childhood Experience Questionnaire). Highlights included:

* CHEQ Team gave us an overview of the questionnaire last November
* Results link directly to EDI
* EDI Questionnaire process begins in February by our Kindergarten teachers
* 1 out of 3 students are vulnerable in one or more of the domain areas; physical, social, emotional; language, communication
* language results are always the lowest in terms of vulnerability
* CHEQ questionnaire is from the parent’s perspective; quite challenging and complex; done in September
* thinking of getting questionnaire out earlier so parents are more prepared to answer
* rely on our early years partners; still lots of work to do
* takes anywhere from 20-45 minutes to complete survey
* Diane will send Trustees the CHEQ report and link
* Questionnaire will be done again in 2019
* Will be bringing this forward in budget meetings for discussion of future funding
* What is the validity of the information and what do we use it for? How do we tie it in to programming?
* Is there a link between EKASS and CHEQ information?
* Caution about another measurement that might compromise schools

1. **ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - nil**
2. **CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS**
   1. **DSAC Report –** the next meeting is February 20, 2018. Trustee Bellina would like to pursue incorporating a student trustee at Board meetings. Recommend that it be added to the February 20 agenda to see if students would like to move forward with it. A report will be at next committee meeting.
   2. **DPAC Report**

The DPAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018. A full report will be given at the next Advocacy/Education Committee meeting.

* 1. **Field Trip to China – Jaffray Elementary Junior Secondary School**

***Recommendation A – that the Board approve the field trip for JEJSS to China in April 2018. A presentation to be given at a future Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting.***

Discussion:

* Like the idea that the school has a contingency plan for students who cannot afford to go
* Jaffray Grade 9 students choose their trip and fundraise a year in advance
* great opportunity for students
* Dates are inconsistent on the form – Gail Rousseau checked with Jaffray School and found out that the initial dates from Explorica are only an estimate. Once the trip is booked then the final dates are determined, which are April 12-21st.

1. **BCSTA Letters**

**5.1 Funding/Budgets**

**5.1.1 SD19**

Receive and file.

**5.1.2 BCSTA**

Receive and file.

**5.1.3 SD67**

Receive and file.

**5.2 Miscellaneous BCSTA Letters**

**5.2.1**. **Ltr to Public Sectors Employers’ Council**

Receive and file.

***5.2.2* Ltr to Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Cognizant of spending $1200 of personal money for upcoming election. Keep an eye on this to see if it increases to $2400

Receive and file.

**5.2.3 Ltr to Minister re trustee inclusion on FMR panel**

Receive and file.

**5.2.4 Ltr to Minister re Draft Inclusive Education Plan**

Receive and file.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of January 29, 2018 was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.