



The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
AGENDA - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

March 10, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
Fernie Secondary School

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1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of [date] be approved as [circulated / amended].

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

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M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of [date] be approved as [circulated/amended].

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

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M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of [date].

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8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S that the [date] regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at [time].

10. LATE ITEMS



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**February 10, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
Board Office**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Blumhagen
Trustee Brown
Trustee Johns
Trustee McPhee
Trustee Whalen
Superintendent of Schools, L. Hauptman
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
Director of Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
Recorder, Corinne Burns

Regrets: Trustee Helgesen
Secretary Treasurer, R. Norum

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the February 10, 2015 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION R -15 - 22

M/S that in the absence of Secretary Treasurer Norum the Board appoint Superintendent Hauptman as Secretary Treasurer for the purpose of the Public meeting of February 10, 2015.

CARRIED

1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Addition: 5.3 Letter to the Townsman

MOTION R -15 -23

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of January 13, 2015.

Errors: Motion R -15 - 15 should read 3:30 p.m. not 3:00 p.m.

MOTION R -15 - 24

M/S that the Board rescind Motion R-15-6, "that the Board write a letter to the City of Cranbrook and the RDEK to request they undertake a review of the procedures related to all advertising with respect to the election of SD5 Trustees for the City of Cranbrook and Area C"

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 25

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of January 13, 2015 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.4. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R -15 - 26

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of January 13, 2015.

CARRIED

1.5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

1.6. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1. MBSS Leadership Students

Superintendent Hauptman introduced MBSS students, Alexis Shuffler and Robin Anderson. Alexis and Robin both participated in the Me to We conference in Calgary. Alexis and Robin shared with the Board the key highlights:

- The conference is geared towards kick-starting awareness for social change
- You must earn your ticket to the conference by fundraising for community and global causes.
- Fundraising has consisted of We Scare Hunger and a Valentine's Day fundraiser so far.
- The more fundraising you do the more tickets you get.
- Other schools in the District are also participating.

Chairperson Lento congratulated the students. A job well done!

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R -15 - 27

M/S that the Board approve the five recommendations from the "White Paper on Athletics" Report.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 28

M/S that the Board approve the Enhancement Agreement Annual Report.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 29

M/S that the Board write a letter to BCSTA that highlights our same concerns as SD46 regarding the proposed MOU and the unexpected termination of BCPSEA Board of Directors.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 30

M/S that the Board of Education write a follow-up letter to the Minister of Finance with a copy to the usual stakeholders requesting a progress update on Recommendations 24-40 from the Report on the Budget 2014 Consultations from the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (SSCFGS) and urging government to take action as regards recommendations 22-36 from the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations from the SSCFGS.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 31

M/S that the Board write a letter to BCSTA reminding them that letters to the Minister also go to the opposition parties as members of government.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 32

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

CARRIED

2.2. Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Ayling reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R -15 - 33

M/S that the Board approve the policy on Draft Policy Legacy of Learning.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 34

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED

2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R -15 - 35

M/S that the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministers of Finance and Education with a copy to the usual stakeholders requesting the Ministers of Finance and Education review the state of the schools and buildings in all districts, and that funding be made available to upgrade or replace in a timely manner those buildings in need of upgrade or replacement.

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 36

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

CARRIED

2.4. Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

Omission: Information items should have included that all stakeholders submit all agenda topics to the co-chairs prior to meetings.

MOTION R -15 - 37

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

CARRIED

2.5. Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported that the letter sent to the Prime Minister on the Voluntary National Housing Survey was also printed in the Cranbrook Daily Townsman.

Superintendent Hauptman reported that the Voluntary National Housing Survey topic was raised in the House of Commons.

MOTION R -15 - 38

M/S to accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

CARRIED

2.6. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns reported that he is now the Chair on the Key City Theatre Committee. It is important that we recognize the Key City Theatre as an important part of Neighbourhood of Learning.

Trustee Johns reported that we should receive 15% from the Ministry of Education towards the replacement of Key City Theatre as a Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

It was reported in the Cranbrook Daily Townsman that School District No 5 (Southeast Kootenay) will share in the cost of a new pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection of Mount Baker and the Safeway parking lot. At this time we have not received this request from the City of Cranbrook.

MOTION R -15 - 39

M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee.

CARRIED

2.7. Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reported that 2 new displays will be going in board room 1. He reported that he will be participating at the RSA day to discuss with staff how the Legacy of Learning project can be used in the classrooms.

MOTION R -15 - 40

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.8. Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

Trustee Ayling apologized for not attending the CDTA meeting as suggested in her report.

Trustee Bellina reported the Motion Building session was a success. The 2 motions brought forward were on:

- Replacement of schools
- E-cigarettes

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Hauptman's report of January 13, 2015 included:

Superintendent's Activities

- School Improvement Plans
- Family Literacy Night
- New Board Orientation

Superintendent Hauptman reported that BC Hydro has donated \$13,409 in Gym Equipment to RMES. She also reported at the PVP meeting, PVP's shared what they have been learning at Assessment Literacy conferences and how they are bringing this information back into the schools.

Finance/Operations Updates

On behalf of Secretary Treasurer Norum, Superintendent Hauptman reported that he is working on the 2015/16 Budget.

The Budget meeting presentations are:

February 23, 2015, Cranbrook
March 10, 2015, Fernie

Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning

- Early Learning
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Carole Fullerton and Adrienne Gear

Ms. Casault also reported that Mount Baker's rollover was this past weekend. A report card committee has been established and staff is continuing training with My Education.

Update from Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education

- Aboriginal Perspectives in the Classroom
- Safe Schools Coordinator
- Skills Training

On behalf of Mr. Tichauer, Superintendent Hauptman reported we are very excited to host the regional conversations facilitated Aboriginal Perspectives in the Classroom from the Aboriginal Branch of the Ministry of Education.

Update from District Principal/Student Services

- New student registrations/support and budgets.
- School Readiness grant.

Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources

- Continuing to interview for TTOC and Education Assistants.
- Planning for the 2015/16 school year.

Mr. Reimer reported that he along with Trustees Helgesen and McPhee attended the BCPSEA new trustee orientation & BCPSEA AGM with Trustee Helgesen.

Important Dates for Trustees:

- BCSTA AGM - April 16-19
- Graduation
 - MBSS - June 25 - 5 p.m.
 - FSS - June 26 - 2 p.m.
 - SSS - May 30 6 p.m.
 - ESS - June 25 - 1 p.m.

Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

- Teachers will have the opportunity to use the Report Card template.
- It is hopeful that all elementary schools will be trained in My Education for Report Cards for the end of June.
- The Counselling positions that were filled with non-qualified teaching staff are only for one year.

MOTION R -15 - 41

M/S that the February 10, 2015 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Trustee McPhee expressed an interest in pursuing a position as a Director with BCSTA.

MOTION R -15 - 42

M/S that the Board endorse Trustee McPhee in his election bid for a position as Director of the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA)

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

5.2. 2014/15 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

MOTION R -15 - 43

M/S read a second time the 10th day of February 2015

CARRIED

MOTION R -15 - 44

M/S read a third time, passed and adopted the 10th day of February 2015

CARRIED

5.3. Letter to the Townsman

MOTION R -15 - 45

M/S that the Board write a letter to the Cranbrook Daily Townsman and the Elk Valley Newspapers requesting that they undertake an extensive and comprehensive campaign in future re; SD5 Trustee Elections to enhance voter participation.

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustees thanked Parkland for the tour of their school earlier in the day, for the wonderful Me to We presentation and to the District Staff for all their hard work.

Trustee McPhee thanked Pinewood for the invitation to their Robbie Burns celebration.

Trustee Bellina thanked those that participated in the Motion Building Session.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R -15 - 46

M/S that the February 10, 2015 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:59 p.m.

CARRIED

10. LATE ITEMS

Frank Lento, Chairperson

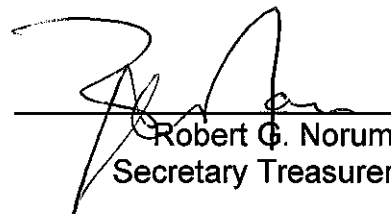
Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer



1.4. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF CLOSED MEETINGS

In-camera Meeting February 10, 2015

- Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee report
 - No report
- BCPSEA Representative Report
 - Shared Services
 - BCPSEA Directors
- Superintendent's Report
 - Staffing Report


Robert G. Norum
Secretary Treasurer



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Minutes - Advocacy/Education Committee**

February 23, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Board Office

Committee Members
in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Blumhagen
Co-Chair Trustee Whalen (by telephone)
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina

Board/District Staff in
Attendance: Trustee Brown
Trustee Johns
Trustee Lento
Trustee McPhee
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent
Jason Tichauer, Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education
Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal
Diane Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning
Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (recorder)

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

The Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting of February 23, 2015 was called to order at 9:07 by Co-Chair Blumhagen.

**1.2. Approval of Agenda
ADV-2015-03**

M/S that the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 23, 2015 is approved as circulated.

1.3. Approval of Minutes

M/S that the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of January 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. ThoughtExchange (TE)

Iain Hackett from ThoughtExchange reviewed process of consultation, gave a brief summary of findings and a discussion took place:

- similar themes were found in other districts
- the district needs to communicate better with parents prior to survey being conducted now that we have a greater understanding of the process
- Board will see both district, community and school level comments

Questions to consider from Thoughtexchange:

Testing your assumptions - identify 3 things you assumed would be a high priority to the community - both concerns and positives; maybe write them down ahead of time; were your assumptions correct? What can you learn from your assumptions: What is most interesting about the top priorities? What is most interesting about the bottom priorities? What surprised you or has left you wondering?

Questions/Comments from Trustees:

Can TE do an analysis on the staff member responses and do a bar graph analysis? A school report will give you the analysis you are looking for

Passion count - how is this supposed to help us? Once you are looking at details in a subtheme it is an indication of a few thoughts that people are passionate about; does make more sense at school level

There were quite a few concerns from parents about who can see the individual responses. Some inappropriate thoughts were taken out right at the beginning but we still have the opportunity to take them out at this point. The instructions at the very beginning were clear in saying that these thoughts would be shared with others. The district cannot see who said individual thoughts only TE can and they won't share due to confidentiality. People saw their own thoughts through the star step; star step was where the flagging took place. Principals are reviewing prior to publishing. A community roll-up report will be done as well. Further

comments included:

- schools may find passion sections of interest; another way of looking at comments/issues
- surprised at volume of information received just from the 3 questions
- TE advised to do it on a yearly basis and you would see a shift in responses
- this is a process that other districts have used on an ongoing basis
- Principals are looking at responses and then come back to district to discuss
- the report will be sent to Trustees electronically

3. ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. Adult Learning - Vulnerable Adult Learners

The government announced in December 2014 to cut funding for adults seeking to upgrade their graduation credentials in K-12 and post-secondary schools. Post-secondary institutions will receive a total of \$7.6 million in an annual grant for adult learners to upgrade their skills. The funding will allow public post-secondary institutions to continue to provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) to all students for 2015-16. These institutions, as well as school districts, have the option to charge tuition fees beginning January 1, 2015. Concern is that graduated students are unable to come back and upgrade through our system or a post-secondary institution for free and that the Sept 30 count (FTE) will be lost for anyone coming back to upgrade. If you completed school with an evergreen certificate you can continue in SD5 for free; when you have graduated you are a fee-paying student.

Trustees would like a list of possible implications for our district at the next Advocacy/Education Committee meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

4.1. Calendar

Superintendent Hauptman advised that we are still awaiting direction from the Ministry on the 2015/2016 school calendar. Districts are being asked for input in regards to two options; either adjust the exam schedule or keep it the same. There is some very old language in the Collective Agreement which may need to be addressed in the near future. We have to wait to put the calendar out for public consultation until we hear from the Ministry. Once a decision has been made a calendar will be put together and brought to the Board for approval.

There is the possibility of not meeting the ministry deadline this year as a full month of consultation has to happen.

4.2. DSAC Report

DSAC student are meeting Face-to-Face on March 6 at Fernie Secondary School for a combined Student Voice/DSAC meeting. A report will follow at the next meeting.

4.3. DPAC Report

- BCCPAC AGM in April - reminder of proxy votes to PACs
- Traffic safety Adhoc Committee will be meeting April 1st
- checking with Trustee Whalen on how the City has followed up on the ICBC Traffic Control Review Report
- DPAC will be sending a letter on voluntary household survey asking for the reinstatement of the long-form census
- clarification will be asked of Trustee Brown to clarify what she envisions for PACnic.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

4.4. Student Services

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4.4.1. McCreary Report

Discussion included:

- budget setting time and programs to support students
- rates of drug use are down; things we are doing are in the right direction
- this info is good for parents to be aware of as well
- McCreary survey is done every 3 years - last time parents were upset especially in terms of the questions around abuse - How do we help those students? What type of support do we have when survey is completed in school? We don't have control over the questions as they are done by McCreary province-wide. Counsellors are aware when this is being done and are available if they are needed. There is a permission form and letter sent home and parents can exempt their children if they see fit. The letter provides info on how survey is used, scope and breadth of questions, gives reference to past assessments and reports
- questions around sexual health are for grade 9 and up
- as 56 school Districts participate in this survey it is extremely valuable

4.5. Strategic Planning

This item on hold for a future Advocacy/Education Committee meeting.

4.6. New Community Matters Award from Abbotsford Board of Education

Trustee Whalen brought this article forward as a unique way to recognize partnerships we have in our district. A discussion ensued.

This item will be referred to the Strategic Planning Group to be aligned with our strategic directions. Caution as there is the potential to forget someone or a group of people when you are acknowledging partnerships.

5. BCSTA LETTERS

5.1. Graduated Adult Funding

Receive and file.

5.2. Funding Protection

Receive and file.

5.3. Findings and Recommendations of SSCFGS

Discussion took place that we as a Board should go on record similar to North Vancouver holding the Minister of Finance accountable for not responding to our letters regarding the recommendations of the SSCFGS. They have asked for our feedback but it is never reported out. Also, letters should be copied to mayors and council, the RDEK and the MP. BCSTA also needs to help Boards with this; should be put on the agenda for the AGM.

Recommendation A – M/S that the Board write a follow-up letter to the Minister of Finance with a copy to the usual stakeholders requesting a progress update on Recommendations 22-36 from the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations from the Select Standing Committee.

5.4. Management and Compensation Freeze

Trustees are frustrated with what is going on with the exempt staff compensation freeze and a strong letter should be written from Board showing support.

Recommendation B – M/S that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education with a copy to the usual stakeholders regarding the exempt staff compensation freeze, as a matter of morale.

5.5. Operating Grants

Receive and file.

5.6. Shared Services

Receive and file.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

March 10th, 2015

Honourable Michael De Jong
Minister of Finance and Government House Leader
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister De Jong:

RE: Request for Progress Report on the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations.

Once again School District 5 Board of Education was pleased to see the *Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services* (SSCFGS) recognize the need for government to adequately address the educational funding needs as presented in their *Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations*.

We were heartened to note that education was the 2015 top priority according to this year's report.

Each year the SSCFGS solicits valuable public input from across the province in order to make recommendations to government. While each year's report is easily accessible, information on actions developed to address these recommendations –if indeed such actions are developed—is not.

Our Board wrote you on October 27th, 2014 requesting a progress update on the 2014 SSCFGS. On February 11th, 2015 our Board once again requested a progress update and urged government to take action as regards recommendations 22 – 36 from the *Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations* from the SSCFGS.

To date we have received no response and can only assume one is forthcoming.

In keeping with these letters, at the February public Board meeting School District 5 (SD5) Southeast Kootenay Board of Education carried the following motion:

“That the Board of Education write a follow-up letter to the Minister of Finance with a copy to the usual stakeholders requesting a progress update on recommendations 22 – 36 from the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations from the SSCFGS.”

Our District, along with many other Districts in BC, continues to experience the eroding effects of insufficient funding that does not address inflationary cost increases, ageing and inefficient school building upkeep and replacement, new initiatives such as trades and technology and increasing demands in the areas of special needs and literacy.

As we see nothing in the 2015 provincial budget that appears to address any of the SSCFGS recommendations, our Board would like to know what specific actions the government –and your Ministry in particular—has developed to address these fifteen important recommendations to restore education funding to a level that supports the basic needs of public education in BC.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Frank Lento,
Board Chair, SD5

Cc: Select Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services
Christy Clark, Premier
Bill Bennett, MLA Kootenay East
David Wilks, MP Kootenay - Columbia
City of Cranbrook Mayor and Council
Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) Board
BCSTA, for distribution to all Boards of Education
BC Teachers' Federation
Shelley Balfour & Christina Smith, CFTA Co-presidents
Deb Therrien, President, DPAC
Media

Frank Lento (Chair) • Trina Ayling • Bev Bellina • Olivia Besanger • Gail Brown •
Shaun Damstrom • Chris Johns • Curtis Helgesen • Patricia Whalen



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

March 10th, 2015

February 11th, 2015

Honourable Michael De Jong
Minister of Finance and Gov't House Leader
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Honourable Minister Fassbender
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Ministers De Jong and Fassbender:

RE: Exempt Staff Wage Freeze

As your Ministries are aware, school district management and exempt staff have received zero wage increases since 2009 -- over the past six years. During that time both provincial teaching and CUPE staff have deservedly received modest wage increases that have helped them to combat inflationary cost of living increases.

Ethically, our district management and exempt staff deserve the same opportunity to maintain their declining standard of living with a wage increase in keeping with that of the rest of our employee groups.

Practically, the failure by government to recognize that management and exempt staff both need and deserve a wage increase creates a financial imbalance amongst our employee groups and makes attracting and retaining the educational leaders vital to a strong public education system difficult.

Our Board feels strongly that this wage freeze must be lifted to ensure that district management and exempt staff be treated fairly and respectfully and that Boards have the ability to attract and continue to retain quality leaders. To that end our Board carried the following motion at our February 10th, 2015 public meeting:

***“That the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education with a copy to the usual stakeholders re: the exempt staff freeze.*”**

This increase must happen and it must be fully funded by government if Boards are to preserve the integrity and viability of public education going forward.

Sincerely,

Frank Lento, Board Chair,
SD5

Cc: BCSTA for distribution to member Boards of Education
Michael Marchbank, BC Public School Employers' Association
Gordon Li, President, BC Principals' Vice Principals' Assoc.
Scott Holt, Cranbrook Principals' Vice Principals' Assoc. [proper title?]
Debbie Therrien, District Parent Advisory Committee

Frank Lento (Chair) • Trina Ayling • Bev Bellina • Jacqueline Blumhagen • Gail Brown
• Chris Johns • Curtis Helgesen • Doug McPhee • Patricia Whalen

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**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - POLICY MEETING**

**February 23, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Board Office**

Committee Members
in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Brown
Co-Chair Trustee Ayling
Trustee McPhee

Regrets: Trustee Helgesen

Board/District Staff in
Attendance: Trustee Bellina
Trustee Blumhagen
Trustee Johns
Chairperson Lento
Trustee Whalen (by telephone)
L. Hauptman, Superintendent of Schools
D. Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning
J. Tichauer, Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education
D. Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services
Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

The Policy Committee meeting of February 23, 2015 was called to order at 10:57 a.m. by Co-Chair Brown.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of February 23, 2015 be approved as circulated.

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

M/S that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.

2. POLICIES PASSED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

2.1. Legacy of Learning

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. Revised Draft Policy - Advertising

Comments/Suggestions/Changes:

- Section – the term “requires prior approval” - would like to see this expanded to define who gives approval either the Principal or the Superintendent
- Draft Regulations - Section # R, point 2. - “standards of good taste” – need to define what this is. Superintendent Hauptman clarified that the Board approves Policies and the Regulations are written by District Management so this should be at the discretion of the Superintendent and district management as all advertising comes through the Superintendent's office. This will be reflected in the Regulations.
- provide a definition of “reasonable” in 3.

A discussion took place regarding if there were public concerns and if there is a mechanism in place to deal with it. An example was if someone's picture was taken at an event without permission and it gets out to the media or on Facebook and an issue arises from it. This type of thing would come to the Board to deal with.

Trustee Ayling commended Diane Casault on this first draft as this is very difficult topic to write policy on. Diane Casault stated that this policy will help support our schools as they are bombarded with advertising information/requests on a daily basis and at least this is a start and something we can speak to.

A further discussion took place as to the Appeals Procedure policy – 1.3 which should be referenced at the bottom on the page as well as the general process for advertising in schools. It is not a school's role or the district's role to advertise for community events.

Changes will be made to the Procedures section of the Advertising Regulations and then brought back to the Committee, out to partner groups for feedback and then to the Board for approval.

Clarification was provided on how staff is educated when a new policy is approved. All partner groups receive the approved policy and they are to share with their members. ThoughtExchange is used to get feedback from partner groups and training does occur on most policies as well.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

4.1. Draft Policy - Social Media

- Draft Regulations - Definitions section – take out reference to “using mobile device using iOS or Android operating systems” and say also including, “but not limited to” current examples: Facebook etc.”

- In “Electronic communications”, 2nd line should read “any one or more individuals”
- should read “employees should understand that there is no expectation”
- 4.1 and 4.4 - site which policies we are referring to
- Add references to policies and forms at bottom of page
- 4.2 - concern around personal privacy and professionalism; the Ministry of Education recommends teacher not friending any student; the Union has also advised their members not to have any social media contact with students and/or an alias
- Chairperson Lento would like to see “10 commandments for social media” for our district; brief and to the point
- some schools have Facebook accounts which is encouraged
- The White Hatter is a Social Media Safety Expert/Advocate website for advice along with Jesse Miller who provides advice to the Ministry of Education on internet safety

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1. Sponsorship and/or Partnership

For reference only - still working on this in conjunction with advertising and social media policies

5.2. Registration Form

- new form for schools created in conjunction with MyEd BC
- under gender identification - add "other"

5.3. Personal Information Consent

For information only.

5.4. Release of Student Records

For information only.

5.5. Outside Media in Schools

A discussion took place regarding parents who attend events and take pictures of their children and sometimes other children. We can do our best to stop these

situations by having parents tell their children and for parents to let staff know about their wishes but we can't police it. There is a list of students who are not allowed to have their pictures taken at each school. DPAC will also make sure PACs are aware of this and communicate this to parents.

Please send any more comments directly to Diane by email.

5.6. Request for Consent – Anti-Spam

For information only.

5.7. Aboriginal Education Permission Form

For information only.

5.8. Request for Consent – Information and Technology

For information only.

5.9. Bus Student Registration Form

For information only.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - FINANCE/OPERATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (PUBLIC)**

**February 23, 2015, 11:30 a.m.
Board Office**

Committee Co-Chair Trustee Bellina
Members in Trustee Johns
Attendance:

Regrets: Co-Chair Trustee Helgesen
 Trustee Whalen

Board/District Trustee Ayling
Staff in Trustee Blumhagen
Attendance: Trustee Brown
 Chairperson Lento
 Trustee McPhee
 Superintendent of Schools, L. Hauptman
 Secretary Treasurer, R. Norum
 Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
 Director of Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault
 Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, Jason Tichauer
 Recorder, Corinne Burns

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

The public Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee meeting of February 23, 2015 was called to order at 12:23 p.m. by Co-chair Trustee Bellina.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION FOP -P 2015 - 3

M/S that the agenda of the public Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee meeting of February 23, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION FOP -P 2015 - 4

M/S that the minutes of the public Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee meeting of January 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1. Expanded Advertising for Public Budget Meetings

Mr. Norum reported in addition to the Advertiser and Shaw Cable the Public Input into the 2015/2016 Annual Budget advertisement was also placed in the *Cranbrook Daily Townsman*, *The Fernie Free Press* and *e-know*. The cost for the additional advertising is approximately \$600-\$700. At this time there seems to have been no impact from the additional advertising.

Discussion included:

- The advertisement is also posted on the website.

2.2. Amended Annual Budget

Trustees had no questions or concerns for Mr. Norum regarding the Amended Annual Budget.

3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

5. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1. Safety Report

Mr. Norum reported that the changes the Board recommended at the last Board meeting have been made.

Discussion included:

- Recommendations would be helpful.
- Education Assistants have the highest number of incidents; they are our largest group of employees.
- Could the photo on the front of the report rotate through all schools?
- The safety committee reviews this report.
- Report is work safe.

5.2. Financial Report

Mr. Norum reported that he has attached the report for the Trustees information. We are where we should be at this time of year.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

7. ADJOURNMENT

The public Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee meeting of February 23, 2015 adjourned at 12:43 pm.

8. LATE ITEMS

CFTA Budget Presentation

Shelley Balfour and Christina Smith presented to the Board the following CFTA Budget recommendations:

1. That the Board re-establish a standing joint committee.
2. That the Budget include in-service expenditures related to the above.
3. That full-time Educational Assistants be provided in all Kindergarten classrooms for the first few weeks of September.
 - Kindergarten is their first structured setting, many require intense support to adjust.
4. That the Board provide funding so each classroom (particularly primary) has a wide enough selection of books to deliver a sound reading level.
 - New teachers cannot afford the cost of setting up classroom reading libraries.
5. That the Board continue to share the cost with BCTF of The Living in Balance Program.
6. That the Board prepares and adopts a budget that adequately funds the school system.
 - Teacher librarian in every school.
 - Fine Arts
 - Practical Arts
 - Support Literacy and numeracy initiatives.
7. Teachers teaching on call
 - TTOC coverage for every absence.
 - Bi-weekly wages.
 - Recruitment
8. That the Board make every effort to have Education Funding in place at the beginning of the year.

Bills 27 & 28 Restored language recommendations

1. That the Board restores the non-enrolling staffing ratios.
2. That the Board provide release time for school based meetings.
3. That the Board fully commit to addressing class composition concerns.

Discussion included:

- Paying TTOC monthly is in the contract.
- Would have to consider the additional impact on payroll.
- Consider a different cut off and pay date.

Chairperson Lento thanked Shelley and Christina and advised that these recommendations will be looked at seriously.

Communications Committee Report

Sent Media release(s)/Letters:

- Letter to BCSTA re: MOU
- Letter to BCSTA re: Correspondence copied to Opposition Government
- Letter to Education and Finance Ministers re: Capital funding investment
- Letter to Finance Minister re: follow up on 2014 Select Standing Cmtee

Media release(s)/Letters for distribution:

- Letter to Education and Finance Ministers re: Exempt Staff Wage Freeze
- Letter to Finance Minister re: follow up on 2015 Select Standing Cmtee

Media Releases/Letters in the works:

- None

Published/Media-Related Activities:

- None

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015 AT 3:15 PM

PAC Gordon Terrace Elementary

There was extensive discussion about the safe access to the upper road on the Gordon Terrace site. Joe Tank came to the meeting to discuss this and the future support for additional playground equipment that the PAC wishes to install. I suggested to the PAC in my printed report that the District PAC had formed a Traffic and Safety Committee in Cranbrook. The intention of the committee is to provide an integrated front when discussing traffic and access safety issues with the City of Cranbrook.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AT 11:30 AM

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Chris Johns and I attended the City of Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. This monthly events is an excellent opportunity to learn how other aspects of commerce are developing in our area. Each month a group presents a particular aspect of development or concern and on this occasion the focus was on the Cranbrook Airport.

The event also provided the opportunity to mix with the business community and forward to others some of the issues associated with education in our area. I believe that replacement of aging schools in a climate of fiscal restraint was one of the more prominent themes.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AT 7:00 PM

Parkland PAC

Scott Holt shared with the PAC a staff input form that he is currently using. He has been talking about the need to bring the school closer to the intended goals of the Middle School philosophy. The form asks questions related to the intention of TAG, combined course disciplines, timetable organization and nutrition breaks. He intends to use the information to guide future changes in the school.

We were treated to a tour of Parkland Middle School prior to our Board Meeting on Feb. 10th. It was interesting see all of the positive

changes since I darkened the door a few years ago. We were treated to cookies, a rest on the lounge in the library and archery in the gym. This will be a hard act to follow, but well worthwhile!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015 AT 10:00 AM

KES (Kootenay Educational Services) Visit

This was a very nice opportunity to visit the Alternate Program in the Mount Baker Annex. For a Friday morning the centre was reasonably busy, student finishing off assignments for the week and staff providing support. We were treated to two French Canadian favourites: sugar pie and tourtiere, lovingly prepared by Peter Wegener and Colin Trefry.

It was a nice opportunity for me to reconnect with some of the students that I had worked with in the past and to see them working toward their graduation. The centre is very welcoming, the staff is great with the students and I am thankful that we have opportunities such as this to support the success of all students. My thanks to Sean Sinclair and Chris Johns for making this possible.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AT 9:56 AM

Committee Day

Lots of interest and concern has developed around the Provincial Budget Announcement. The Advocacy Committee is providing feedback to the Ministry on those areas that will significantly effect the operation of the district.

My thanks to Diane Casault and her support for all of the hard work on the draft policies: Advertising, Social Media, Sponsorship and a Registration Forms package.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 AT 11:00 AM

Funeral Ceremony St Marys

Debbie McPhee, Sharon Trefry and I attended the funeral for Anne Capillo. Anne was the oldest elder in the St Mary's Community and one of the few remaining language speakers. She was active in her community and a strong advocate for the use of Ktunaxa as a spoken language, constantly encouraging and guiding others.

Among Anne's many attributes, her desire to speed along in her car was noteworthy. When travelling along the Mission Road, I always made sure to stay wide to the right in fear that Anne would come bouncing along at a breakneck pace, while barely peering over the dashboard. The Little Old Lady from Pasadena had nothing on Anne Capillo!

Created in Day One

Trustee Ayling March Report

Board mtg –Feb 10

DPAC –Feb 11

Social Planning Network mtg –Feb 16

AW PAC mtg –Feb 16

Aboriginal Perspectives Workshop – Feb 17

Pinewood PAC –Feb 18

KCTS mtg –Feb 19

KES open house –Feb 20

Committee mtgs –Feb 23

Employee Practices Liability conference call –Feb 24

Trustee Bellina

February 20th - 21st - Provincial Council

February 23rd - Board Committee Meetings

February 24th - BCPSEA Conference Call

- Sparwood Secondary School PAC Meeting



School District No. 5
From the Office of the Superintendent

To: Trustees
From: Lynn Hauptman
Date: March 10, 2015
Re: Monthly Report to the Board

Purpose of this Report:

As the Board's Chief Executive Officer, the Superintendent of Schools is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the school district and for ensuring that the Board is aware of how the school district is doing in all areas of its operations.

Enrolment report – see attached

Superintendent's Activities

I have continued to have wonderful school visits focusing on discussions with the administrators about the fabulous work that our staffs are doing to create schools that ensure every student has a sense of belonging and everyone works together for greater student success. Professional Learning Communities have certainly contributed to the whole school conversations. Teachers are proud to share the work that they are doing!

Since 2002, the Province has proclaimed March as Youth Science Month to acknowledge participation of elementary and secondary students in science fairs across the province and at the Canada-Wide Science Fair. The Science Fair Program is the largest volunteer-based science delivery outreach activity in the province of British Columbia, with annual participation of approximately 40,000 students a year.

In our District, Science Fair is in full swing with projects being prepared for the judging at the Regional Science Fair being held at the Cranbrook campus of the College of the Rockies on April 10 & 11, 2015. This is an incredible learning opportunity for our students and it would not be possible without the dedication of our staff, parents, community members and college staffs that make this happen every year. Further information about this can be found at <http://www.ekrsf.ca/>

Our school and district staffs are busy planning for our next school year. Determination of 2015-2016 enrolment projections, budget meetings and planning for staffing of our schools has begun with the goal to be concluded by May. Much the same as household budgets, there are always tough choices to be made each year. Our Board will likely be faced with those challenges this year once the funding is announced by the Ministry in mid-March.

We have begun our calendar consultation period. We are later than usual in publishing our draft as we had to wait for some information from the Ministry of Education regarding the exam schedule. Please go to our website for more information.

Gordon Terrace School is pleased to announce that they will have their third Japanese teacher join their team. Yufuko Shimamoto will be joining them in April for a 12 month period. At the end of this school year she will tour around Canada and be back with the school for their September opening. What a wonderful opportunity for the students and staff of Gordon Terrace and Yufuko.

I also had the opportunity to judge the Regional 4H Speeches on Sunday, March 1st. What a fabulous experience it was to hear all of the speeches, many of whom were our school district students. Public speaking is such an important life-long skill!

With Spring Break just around the corner I wish our students and staff a relaxing and rejuvenating time in preparation for a rewarding return to our final 3 months of the school year. June will be here before we know it!

Finance/Operations Updates:

- School staff and budget planning sessions from March 2 to March 5.
- Provincial funding conference calls awaiting announcement around March 16th
- Review of License agreement for Dog Park
- Calendar Calculations and redrafting options

Update from the Director of Instruction/Student Learning

Ready, Set, Learn is an initiative that recognizes that families need positive connections with the school system and community agencies that provide relevant resources and information. All public elementary schools in Southeast Kootenay School District will be offering an opportunity for all three year olds to come to their neighbourhood school (children born in 2012 *who have turned three by the date of the RSL event*). This event is a partnership between the province, the district, and the early childhood teachers in Cranbrook, Fernie, Sparwood, Jaffray, and Elkford.

Ready, Set, Learn will include opportunities such as a tour of the school, a visit to the kindergarten classroom, activities, refreshments, displays or presentations by school children.

Parents and caregivers will receive helpful tips for supporting their preschooler's learning and development. They will also be provided with information about local services available. Each child will receive a learning kit.

Four year olds, those children who will be entering kindergarten in September 2016, will be invited to Kindergarten Orientation in their neighborhood school.

Cranbrook Schools

April 9	Amy Woodland Elementary	1:00 - 2:00 pm
April 21	T. M. Roberts Elementary	10:45 - 11:45 am
April 22	Pinewood Elementary	9:30 - 10:30 am
April 22	Highlands Elementary	10:30 - 11:30 am
April 23	Steeple Elementary	10:00 - 11:00 am
April 23	Gordon Terrace Elementary	9:00 - 10:00 am
May 06	Kootenay Orchards Elementary	9:00 - 10:00 am

Elk Valley/South Country Schools

April 22	Isabella Dicken Elementary	9:30 - 10:30 am
April 21	Rocky Mountain Elementary	9:00 - 10:00 am

April 29	F. J. Mitchell Elementary	1:00 - 2:00 pm
April 29	Jaffray Elementary Jr. Sec.	1:00 - 2:00 pm

Early Learning Fairs

April 21	Elk Valley @ Rocky Mountain Elem. (Elkford)	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
April 23	Cranbrook @ Steeple Elem. School	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

StrongStart:

All Four StrongStart centers (AWES, FJMES, IDES (JESS), and SES) have well over 100 registered students! AWES has over 200 students!

AWES Highlights: Strong Administrative support and a development of school community. Tuesday Lunch program....a time where families can come and not stress about what to make. They all have positive comments about how much their children eat when they see other children eating and sitting. We integrate Sound Connections into the program. Actions are taught in our circle time and when the parents go home they tell me their kids will use what I have taught!

FJMES Highlights: One of the highlights for the Sparwood Strong Start Program is the baking day on Wednesdays. The baking day that B.J. does with the children is excellent. It is giving the kids a lot of love for the kitchen and motivates parents to recreate it at home with their children. The children get so excited to gather around the table and create something together; each child takes a turn at mixing, pouring and then they enjoy the snack so much more knowing they helped to make it. It is a great activity for the kids to be involved in while having fun and learning as a group. "My child looks forward to Wednesdays when there is baking activities; he is happy to take part and he often wants to do it at home later and he transfers what is done there to his home activities and I think that is great" (parent)

IDES Highlights: Strong Administrative support and a development of school community. Ready, Set, Learn and the Magic School Bus April activity are highlights.... more to come during delegation presentation.

SES Highlights: Wednesday night family night... includes gym activities, classroom activities and dinner for all.....

Update from the Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal Education

We hosted an Aboriginal Perspectives and Worldviews in the Classroom regional session this past month. This Ministry-facilitated workshop included the participation of teachers, parents, principals, Ktunaxa community members, St. Mary's Band council members, School District staff, College of the Rockies staff, students, Elders-in-residence and Ab Ed support workers. Opinions and perspectives were gathered from the working groups and were collected by Ministry facilitators for not only publishing, but also for informing the designers of provincial curriculum. This day was very productive, and often showcased the impact of our Elder's program.

At the Principals/Vice Principal's meeting held this month, we were able to take a healthy amount of time to discuss strategies for embedding the First People's Principles of Learning in our classrooms, as well as a productive conversation around what other schools are currently doing.

As well, we brought our Ab Ed Support Workers together this past month. We do this three times a year, and addressed a variety of topics including cultural project approval, the First People's Principles of Learning, the Enhancement Agreement report and reports out to the group from those who attended the FNESC conference.

Safe Schools Coordinator

On February 20th, I attended a Safe Schools Coordinator's provincial meeting. Included on the agenda was a discussion of upcoming ERASE training levels, including a Level 3 training session that we will be hosting in May. It also appears that there will now be a Level 4 'train the trainer' program now being developed.

Skills Training

Our region will be hosting the Skills Canada regional skills competition at College of the Rockies on Friday, March 6th. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students. As well, I was able to be a presenter at a COTR/ MBSS pro-d session outlining current Ministry objectives in the new Graduation Plan.

Update from the District Principal/Student Services

February is always a busy month continuing to support for students and staff while we make preparations for the coming year. Schools have been worked on preliminary projections for needed support for the 2015-16 school year. We always endeavor to have the most complete support system available for schools for fall start-up.

This month has also been full of professional development and in-servicing.

- Several school teams and a district team attended the two-day Response to Instruction (RTI) and Intervention by Chris Webber, hosted by School District 6.
- SET-BC workshops on Pictello and Touch Chat in both Cranbrook and the Elk Valley were facilitated to build capacity with school teams to use these augmentative communication programs.
- Several in-services and one professional development afternoon of Kurzweil 3000. This text-to-speech software assists students in regular and special education with vision impairments, learning disabilities, print access issues, second language learning difficulties and aural learning strengths.

We have a District Autism Spectrum Disorder Committee that meets monthly since November to review our school, district and provincial programs to more efficiently serve the needs of our students with an ASD diagnosis.

Kimberley-Cranbrook Child and Youth Mental Health Substance Use Collaborative Action Team continues to meet monthly to improve access for children and youth to mental health services in Cranbrook and Kimberley. This cross-district, cross-agency team is building a model of collaborative that will continue to be replicated in other communities in the East Kootenays. One of the events planned and facilitated by KCCYMHSU was the "Get Comfortable Treating Youth with Eating Disorders – A one day Consultation with the BC Children's Hospital Eating Disorder Team." This is a first in the province. We had a team of school counsellors in attendance with the District Principal.

Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources

Planning for next year has begun. School principals/vice principals will soon be sitting down with District staff in planning for staffing for the coming school year. We are looking forward to productive conversations in the first week of March in that regard.

We are continuing to add qualified TTOCs, EAs and secretaries to our casual list in the Elk Valley communities for this current school year. In addition, we will once again begin to advertise for next year on the Make a Future website for qualified TTOCs and EAs in all communities. This is done with the anticipation of upcoming retirements and movement of staff.

SRB, the financial and human resources software for the district operations is going into its second year of operation. Management staff are meeting regularly to assess and modify systems to address on-going needed efficiencies. We are finding that our systems are steadily improving and becoming stronger which will help lead the school district into the needed 21st century advancements.

Important Dates for Trustees:

No Committee Meetings in March

BCSTA AGM – April 16-19

Party Program – April 8, 15, 22, 29 – Fernie Hospital 8:45 am -3:15 pm

Lynn Hauptman
Superintendent

School District 5 Enrolment - March, 2015

School	Student Funded FTE Sept. 30.14	Student Funded FTE Mar 1.15	Difference
Amy Woodland Elementary	251	257	6
Elkford Elem/Secondary	175.625	167.25	(8)
Fernie Secondary	286	281.875	(4)
Frank J. Mitchell Elementary	347	350	3
Gordon Terrace Elementary	265	272	7
Highlands Elementary	259	258	(1)
Isabella Dicken Elementary	380	377	(3)
Jaffray Elem. Junior Secondary	167	169	2
Kootenay Discovery School	24.875	10.5	(14)
Kootenay Educational Services	69.75	67.75	(2)
Kootenay Orchards Elementary	238	234	(4)
Laurie Middle	298.5	296.625	(2)
Mount Baker Secondary	863.625	813.125	(51)
Parkland Middle	448	452	4
Pinewood Elementary	116	114	(2)
Rocky Mountain Elementary	217	222	5
Sparwood Secondary	267	260.75	(6)
Steeple Elementary	151	146	(5)
T.M. Roberts Elementary	353	355	2
Total District	5177.38	5103.875	-73.5



February 17, 2015

Ref: 179335

Frank Lento, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Email: frank.lento@sd5.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Lento:

I would like to congratulate you and your educational partners on reaching your highest Aboriginal six-year completion rate of 75 percent. Your ongoing commitment to Aboriginal student success is evident in the achievement you have attained. I am encouraged by the Provincial Aboriginal rate that has gone up to 62 percent—its highest ever—due to the work of each and every district in our province.

I know that the success of our Aboriginal students comes in part from their inclusion in your District Goals and Strategic Plans, your Enhancement Agreement and your work to develop trusting partnerships. Our Aboriginal Education team looks forward to continuing work with your District and educational partners to finalize your Enhancement Agreement.

It is a great time to celebrate the successes of Aboriginal students as a result of our efforts to transform our education system. With each new graduate you are providing opportunities and opening doors to new possibilities for more Aboriginal students each and every year. I know we still have a great deal of work ahead of us, but I would like to take this opportunity to pause and reflect on the achievements being made. Congratulations again.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender
Minister

pc: Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education, and Chair,
Aboriginal Education Council

ELK VALLEY P.A.R.T.Y. Program

PREVENT ALCOHOL AND RISK RELATED TRAUMA IN YOUTH

February 16th, 2015

School District #5
Lynn Hauptman & Trustees
Cranbrook, B.C.

Dear Lynn Hauptman & Trustees:

I would like to invite all of you to attend a day at our P.A.R.T.Y. Program which is going into its 18th year.

P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth), is a powerful interactive injury prevention program aimed at teens. We focus on making smart choices and we show students consequences of poor decision making in risk taking behaviors.

Grade 10 students from Fernie, Elkford, Sparwood and Grasmere attend over a 4 week period. Students experience a full day session which includes watching Fernie Fire Rescue use the Jaws of Life to extract a student from a donated vehicle with the help of BC Ambulance, going thru a reenactment of a trauma incident with nurses, doctors, and paramedics in the ER, an ICU presentation, watching and participating with a R.C.M.P. member using a power point presentation and re-enacting a seat belt scenario, a drug and alcohol presentation, listening and participating with injury survivors, a ministers funeral presentation and ending with a discussion from the R.C.M.P.

P.A.R.T.Y. Program has approximately 100 volunteers from the Elk Valley. We are a very fortunate group to have so many caring and dedicated volunteers. Our program is looked upon with great respect from other P.A.R.T.Y. programs because of our huge pool of volunteers.

We would love to have you come out and see our program and all of our incredible volunteers at P.A.R.T.Y. You will be able to see first hand, our volunteers' commitment and passion as they relate their life experiences to the youth of our valley. It is this expression of heart wrenching truths that create an unforgettable experience. A frequent comment from others who have attended is that you really don't envision the power of the program until you actually see it first hand.

P.A.R.T.Y. program dates this year will be on April 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. These are on Wednesdays at the Fernie Hospital from 8:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. You are more than welcome to attend for the whole day or part of the day. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,

Tom Hopkins
Elk Valley P.A.R.T.Y. Program Coordinator,

c.c. Trustees

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