

The Board of Education of

School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)

Minutes - Advocacy/Education Committee

| April 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m.  Cranbrook Board Office |
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Committee Members Trustee Bellina

In Attendance: Trustee Whalen

Trustee Turner

Trustee Ayling

Regrets:

Board/District Staff in Trustee McPhee

Attendance: Trustee Johns

Trustee Damstrom

Trustee Kitt

Trustee Lento

Silke Yardley, Superintendent Jason Tichauer, Director, Student Learning

Diane Casault, Director, Student Learning

Jennifer Roberts, District Principal

Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

# **1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

## **1.1 Call to Order**

I want to acknowledge that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

The Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting of April 27, 2021 was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Co-Chair Bellina.

## **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Addition: Item 5.2 - Child care request in Elkford

 M/S that the agenda of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of April 27, 2021 is approved as amended.

## **1.3 Approval of Minutes**

M/S that the minutes of the Advocacy/Education Committee meeting of February 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

# **2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

# **3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (10 min maximum)**

# **4. REPORTS**

## **4.1 DSAC Report - update from Trustee Bellina**

Trustee Bellina gave a recap of the virtual DSAC meeting held on February 24, 2021 where 44 students attended from all middle and secondary schools across the district. Director Tichauer went over the role of DSAC, the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Order, in particular the career development piece, and asked the students what agenda items they would like to see on future DSAC agendas. The next meeting will be held May 5, 2021.

## **4.2 DPAC Report - Update from Trustee Turner**

Trustee Turner/Superintendent Yardley reported:

* a discussion was held about grad ceremonies/events; parents worried about restrictions, protocols due to COVID
* schools did a great job with grad last year; Superintendent Yardley met with all secondary schools just recently and they had some good ideas for this year; one parent from Fernie wants to meet with other district PACs to see what they did and DPAC helping to facilitate
* parents appreciated the Cheq data presentation held in February and looking forward to the EDI presentation at the May DPAC meeting
* meetings continue to be well attended on Zoom

## **4.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) - update from Silke Yardley**

Superintendent Yardley reported:

* met with principals/vice-principals yesterday and shared the draft FESL and how it ties into their school growth plans
* will include any feedback received by the principals/vice-principals with the Working Group which is scheduled for May 10, 2021
* will gather any feedback from them and then present the draft to the board at the June board meeting for final approval
* meeting again with the principals/vice-principals on May 27 to help support them with their school growth plans based on the draft FESL

## **4.4 Child Care - Update from Alan Rice/Diane Casault**

Secretary-Treasurer Rice reported:

* work still being done regarding the location at the Fernie Learning Center
* funds have been approved for additional space; exponential growth and enrolment at Isabella Dicken Elementary
* looking at where we can put Strongstart
* look at what additional services we can still offer to meet criteria for grant
* waiting to hear from MCFD as lots of moving pieces
* talking with BCPSEA on child care as a whole
* working with both the BCGEU and CUPE as there are discussions as to what union child care employees would fall into; lots of questions still need to be answered
* focus is to continue working with our third party providers as we have been
* Strongstart employees will have a letter of agreement and will attach to our current CUPE contract; meeting with executive soon to bring StrongStart Coordinators in house
* Director Casault mentioned lots of questions out there and more information on this will be at Policy Committee today
* the Ministry hopes to release an official ministry policy in Spring 2021
* Chairperson Lento mentioned the BCSTA put together policy and respective contracts for third party providers
* an occupancy agreement is what we would enter into with our providers; template will be shared at the Policy Committee

# **5. NEW BUSINESS**

## **5.1 Kootenay Christian Academy Announcement (referred from March 9 Public Board meeting) - Jason Tichauer/Alan Rice**

This item will be referred to the in-camera Finance/Operations Personnel Committee meeting today.

**5.2 Child Care Request from Elkford**

Trustee Kitt received an email from someone wanting to start a day care facility in Elkford and asked her for a letter of support from the school district to help her in her process. She wants to operate a 24/7 day care facility operating 365 days a year in order to cater to the mine shifts. There is currently no child care in Elkford. Her plan is to go with school age children. Trustee Kitt wanted to bring it to this Committee which would then be a recommendation to the Board as a whole. A discussion took place. Discussion included:

* need for a general statement and mindful of not supporting one facility over another
* discussion on how the letter of support would be used to advocate for child care in Elkford; should not advocate for anyone individually
* a letter of support would put us in good standing regarding all the child care issues in all communities
* media release not needed as all approved motions are sent to media
* suggestion to send the letter to the agency making decisions

***Recommendation A –M/S that board write a general letter in support of the need for child care in Elkford.***

# **6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

## **6.1 Marisa Philips recognized at future Board/Committee meeting for her work on Aboriginal Education Logo**

## **6.2 DSAC Initiatives - vaping strategies/approaches, climate change**

## **6.3 Dr. Atwal presenting to P/VP's re vaping at May 27 P/VP meeting**

# **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

## **7.1 BCSTA Letters to various ministries**

### **7.1.1 President Higginson to Minister Robinson**

**7.1.2 President Higginson to Ministers Fleming and Whiteside**

### **7.1.3 President Higginson to Ministers Kang and Whiteside**

**7.1.4 President Higginson to Minister Whiteside re Action on Anti-Black Racism**

### **7.1.5 President Higginson to Minister Whiteside re TRB**

### **7.1.6 President Higginson to Ministers Farnworth and Whiteside**

### **7.1.7 President Higginson to Ministers Dix and Whiteside**

### **7.1.8 President Higginson to Minister Whiteside re moving forward**

### **7.1.9 President Higginson to Minister Whiteside re School Life Cycle Funding**

***Recommendation B – M/S that the Board send the BCSTA letters written to various ministries to the appropriate committees or to district personnel for further discussion.***

## **7.2 Curriculum support for correction facilities**

### **7.2.1 SD 42**

Receive and file.

### **7.2.2 SD33 to Minister Whiteside**

Receive and file.

### **7.2.3 MOE response to President Higginson**

Receive and file.

### **7.2.4 Minister Fleming to President Higginson**

Receive and file.

## **7.3 Capital Project Funding**

### **7.3.1 SD 61**

Receive and file.

## **7.4 Site Land Acquisitions – Action item -** referred to the Secretary Treasurer for future discussions; last paragraph – code of conduct for members- don’t want to lose site of comments.

### **7.4.1 UBCM to BCSTA**

Receive and file.

## **7.5 School Life Cycle Funding** – this has been discussed already; will wait for Ministry response; Secretary Rice has forwarded this on to the architect as well and has received comments

***Recommendation C – M/S that the Board send a letter to BCSTA in support of their recommendations to the BC Government for increased school life cycle funding.***

### **7.5.1 SD 69**

Receive and file.

## **7.6 Mental Health Education**

### **7.6.1 SD 71**

Receive and file.

## **7.7 Trades Funding**

### **7.7.1 Minister Kang to President Higginson – Action item -** refer this letter to Director Tichauer to bring to the trades working committee.

# **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Advocacy/Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.