



**The Board of Education of
School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - EDUCATION/POLICY MEETING
March 29, 2011, 10:30 a.m.
Board Office**

IN ATTENDANCE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Co Chair Trustee Ayling

Co Chair Trustee Damstrom

Trustee Gordon-Hooker

Trustee Ellis

Glenn Dobie, Director of Student Learning

Janice McElwee, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

REGRETS

IN ATTENDANCE – BOARD/DISTRICT STAFF

Trustee Bellina

Trustee Lento

Trustee Mildenberger

Trustee Johns

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Nil

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4.0 POLICIES PASSED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

Nil

5.0 ITEMS FORWARDED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Pesticide Update

Trustee Johns thanked everyone involved for their contributions to the process and reviewed the changes made to the revised policy.

Discussion included:

- Paragraph 1: change to *will be fully explored 'before consideration' by the Board.*
- Change the order of paragraph 1 and 2
- 4th and 6th bullets, 2nd to last paragraph – change *substance to be 'employed' to 'applied'*
- Posting/advertising an Application Plan of when, how and what (district/school websites, newspapers, school newsletters, community bulletin boards)
- Desire that 'everyone' knowing when pesticides are applied, not just those who are sensitive to the chemicals.
- Notices of application are already posted around school buildings when pesticides are being applied
- Application Plan should be presented to the Board in May/June outlining the plan for the months of July and August
- Review of our Integrated Pest Management Plan to ensure proper procedures and timelines
- No pesticides will be used in the interim before the policy is passed.

The revised policy along with an Application Plan will be sent to partner groups for feedback and will be brought back to the June Regular Board meeting.

5.2 Policy 3.1 – Student Registration, Enrolment and Placement

Students are no longer grandfathered when attending a school outside of their catchment area. Each cross boundary student will have to be reviewed annually, effective June 1, 2011.

The revised policy will now be sent to partner groups for feedback and brought back to the May meeting.

5.3 Draft Policy – Access to Information and Protection of Privacy

The revised policy was reviewed with changes from the last meeting.

There was discussion regarding the collection of student information and possibly looking at a separate policy to address this.

The revised policy will now be sent to partner groups for feedback and brought back to the May meeting.

5.4 Draft Policy – Disposal of Land or Improvement

Mr. Norum was not available at this time. Item has been tabled to the April meeting.

5.5 Revised Policy 2.10 – District Health/Safety Program

There was no feedback received from partner groups on the revised policy.

Recommendation A

“The revised Policy 2.10 District Health/Safety Program be sent to the Board of Education for approval.”

5.6 Draft Policy – Students Registered for Distance Education

The changes made to the policy were reviewed.

Recommendation B

“The Draft Policy Students Registered for Distance Education be sent to the Board of Education for approval.”

5.7 Draft Policy – Distribution of Union Information

There was no feedback received from partner groups on the draft policy.

Discussion included:

- CFTA requested that the Board withdraw the policy or put the policy in abeyance as there is a protocol between BCTF and BCPSEA that has worked very well for the past two years. BCTF indicates that this policy infringes on the rights on teachers. (Mrs. Turner will submit the protocol to the District.)
- CFTA indicated they did send a response on the policy to Trustees and Management - they will send again.
- There is only a reference to teachers in the policy, not other union groups
- What is the consequence if the policy is breeched?
- Trustee Ayling requested that the changes she had requested to be made to the policy at the last Committee meeting be made to the policy prior to it being sent to partner groups.
- Trustee Ellis recommended that this item be deferred to the next meeting when the Superintendent can be present to answer questions.
- CFTA would like to make a presentation at the April meeting.

5.8 Policy 5.5 – Curricular/Extra-Curricular School Trips

The feedback from schools regarding ‘at least one *SD5 employee*’ is that it will significantly impact school teams. There will be additional costs for TOC’s to cover for those teachers as well as many teams won’t have coaches. How is the district prepared to help cover the additional costs and lack of coaches?

Discussion included:

- Students signing a waiver if no employee is accompanying the team
- Youth Safe Outdoors is a resource/tool for teachers, not a legal document
- Implementing tighter parameters/checks, but without limiting school teams’ participation
- Further exploration with legal counsel for all options
- Working with teachers/staff to support them in their involvement with teams
- Policy 5.5a doesn’t indicate an employee of the District and states that the Board has made every reasonable effort . . .
- Implement a District Orientation Program (Principals would sign off verifying that the coach has successfully completed the program)
- Level 1 coaching – provide training for coaches on an annual basis
- Possibly offering an honorarium to coaches
- Show due diligence was in place should a court issue ever arise

Mr. Dobie will go back to Principals to develop a District Orientation Program and to look at training for coaches.

5.9 Policy 5.5d – Field Trip Application Checklist

This item will be brought back with Policy 5.5 Curricular/Extra-Curricular School Trips.

5.10 Draft Policy – Budget

This item has been tabled to the April meeting.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

Nil

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.