

Info for parents, the current guidelines from BC CDC, Provincial guidelines and SD protocols. Next page is infant act (for age 19 years and younger), minor/informed consent, School act , a few studies and BC Human rights advocates websites. Student services committee.

SD School info: Rights and Responsibilities

"Parents have the right and responsibility to participate in the process of determining the educational goals, policies and services provided for their children. They have a primary responsibility to ensure that children are provided with the healthy supportive environment necessary for learning. They have a responsibility to help shape and support the goals of the school system and share the task of educating their young."

BC Ministry of Education

NOTICE TO SCHOOLS(PDF): <https://action4canada.com/parents-for-mask-free-children/>

Protocols for School operations: each district will be similar if possible update this link for your district

[https://www.sd5.bc.ca/Documents/COVID19%20Protocols%20for%20School%20Operations%20\(March%2031\).pdf](https://www.sd5.bc.ca/Documents/COVID19%20Protocols%20for%20School%20Operations%20(March%2031).pdf)

Provincial Guidelines for schools K-12:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidlines.pdf>

BC CDC INFO for Schools: <http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info->

Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Addendum_Public_Health_Guidance_K-12.pdf

SD Public Board Meetings for Public: **LINK FOR WEBSITE with meeting info**

Next meeting: **ADD MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

You need to be there for start of meeting, I put it in the background and wait till end. ALSO send questions prior! You do not need to tell them you will be at the public meeting.

NOTE: Make sure you state prior to question that” I require this to be recorded on the public record and in the question period section of the minutes for the The Board of Education of School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay) MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING Dated: April 13. Please repeat back what was recorded, thank-you.

This is what was recorded without the previous statement made “A member of the public was invited for her questions and Chair Lento, after hearing the background, felt her question or concern would more appropriately be directed to himself or Superintendent, assuring a timely response. The member was grateful and complimentary on the meeting.” Hmmm ALSO send questions prior! You do not need to tell them you will be at the public meeting.

Link to all the SD Board Office AND Principals to the schools: [update link for your local district](#)

<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/AboutUs/DistrictContactLists/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) of School District: [links should be available on your district site, include public meeting dates and times if possible. Usually you need to be part of a PAC, email coordinator to find out.](#)

There is also a Students services committee: [update link](#)
<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/learning/StudentServices/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Policy: what they do [update link](#)
<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/AboutUs/BoardOfEducation/Committee%20Meetings/Documents/Terms%20of%20Ref.%20Student%20Services%20Committee.pdf>

PARENT AND CHILD RESOURCES:

Show Me Your Smile - <https://www.showmeyoursmile.ca/>

Action4Canada(Letter/PDF and video for educators- <https://action4canada.com/parents-for-mask-free-children/>

Infant act and Minor Consent- <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/infants-act-mature-minor-consent-and-immunization>

Informed consent-

<https://canadianadvocacycentre.blogspot.com/2020/11/advocacy-and-informed-consent-for.html?m=1>

School act- https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_00

Toronto Children's Hospital Recommends Back to School without Masks or Social Distancing. Detailed Report: <https://www.globalresearch.ca/back-school-without-masks-social-distancing-advises-sickkids-hospital/5719018>

[US National Library of Medicine National Institutes of Health](#) **Impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on mental health of children and adolescents: A narrative review with recommendations:**
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7444649/>

Study on children wearing masks and the risk- <https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-124394/v3>

MANY STUDIES and resources are available. PLEASE practice informed consent and voice your concerns via email, letters or over the phone. In writing is best. My school has still not got back to me-last email February 15, 2021. Keep emailing, stay polite ALWAYS and attend the public meetings. The more parents the better. If possible review the BC CDC, Provincial and SD protocols prior. The School act and Infant act would help too!