

POLICY COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 25, 2013

The Policy Committee met on Monday, June 17 at 5:10 p.m. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Meiling Chia and Baljinder Narang, Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Kaardal and Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Frank.

1. School Calendar and Hours of Instruction – Policy 6.05

As a result of a change in the Ministry of Education School Calendar Regulation regarding “*prescribed minimum hours of instruction*” the committee reviewed the district’s current policy and proposed adjustments necessary to reflect the changes in the Ministry’s Calendar Regulation. Staff will review the revised draft policy with the B.C. School Trustee Association Lawyer and bring back the revised policy with a *Notice of Motion* to follow.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. New Draft Policy -Appropriate Use Policy - District Technologies and Information Systems

Greg Frank, Secretary Treasurer, presented additional language edits to the Draft Policy for the committee’s review. Final edits will be distributed to the committee in the fall with a *Notice of Motion* to follow.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Volunteers in District Schools – Policy 2.15

The committee reviewed the current *Volunteers in District Schools Administrative Regulations and Procedures* and it’s alignment with current district practice and processes. The committee determined that the current policy meets district requirements and no changes are suggested at this time.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4. New Draft Policy – Childcare Programs in District Facilities – Policy 7.60

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised the committee that on February 20, 2013 the government introduced Bill 8, *the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013* that included amendments to the *School Act* concerning use of board property for child care purposes. The Act now requires all Boards of Education to establish a policy promoting the use of their property by not-for-profit licensed child care providers. The committee received a draft copy of *Childcare Programs in District Facilities*, staff will bring a revised draft to the next committee meeting with a *Notice of Motion* to follow.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5. New Draft Policy – Responding to Problem Sexual Behaviour Between Students Under the Age of 12.

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, presented the committee a draft policy *Responding to Problem Sexual Behaviour Between Students Under the Age of 12*. The committee reviewed the draft policy, which was developed as a result of the recent changes to Policy 5.20 *Reporting Suspected Cases of Child Abuse or Neglect* and it was recommended the policy go to the *Notice of Motion* stage in the fall.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Policy Committee meeting is Monday, September 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.