

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

REPORT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 7th, 2014 3:00 PM School Board Office

Members	Administration
L. Collingwood, Chair J. McIntosh (Alternate) F. Farrell L. Kearns (ex officio)	C. van der Mark, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent C. Whalen, Transportation and Custodial Supervisor
Regrets:	

The regular meeting convened at 3:00 pm and continued to 4:40 PM.

Report Policy Committee

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF November 5, 2013

Policy	Description	Type	Status
6.209	Use of School Facilities by Child Care Providers ➤ Recommendation: Removed from committee	Revision	In-committee
6.331	Disaster Recovery ➤ Mr. Malkinson & Mr. Margerm are continuing to create.	New	In-committee
11.140	Student Transportation ➤ Mr. Margerm and Ms. Whalen are continuing to work on.	Revision	In-committee

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Relations (1.150):

Policy committee discussed the need to revisit policy as it relates to Community Relations and Education Forum. Community Relations has increasingly been seen as a function of Education Forum (1.15250). **Administration will work on wording that will cover both Education Forum and Community Relations in one policy without losing function.**

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Student Choice Policy (9.950)

Mr. Margerm & Ms. Whalen provided information from sub-committee work and discussed the issues pertaining to: (information provided in briefing note)

1. Required services:- what are our required services? To-and-from residence.
Extra services –
 - a. regular after school non-residence drop off - bus students and in-town students. (St. Josephs students (26) transfer school-school (64), bus-to-bus (16) drop off at work/babysitting (3)
 - b. irregular after school drop off – bus students and in-town students (eg. Birthday parties)

2. Catchment area:
 - a. Data on cross-boundary student transportation was provided by Ms. Whalen. In Smithers alone : 522 students (25% of student population). Therefore, eliminating cross-boundary transfers or charging fees would be prohibitive; in addition, several transfers that are beneficial to the school district (eg. Lake Kathlyn).

3. After school transportations:
 - a. Discussions around transportation issues with drop off at non-residence, bus-to-bus transfers, transportation of non-busing students, daily attendance lists on busing routes (secondary issue).
 - b. *Question: Legality of dropping students off at non-residence location. Requested that Mr. Margerm contact School Protection Branch to see if legal issues. Provide update at next Policy Meeting.***

Date & Time of Next Meeting: February 4th, 2014 @ 3:00 pm