

COMMITTEE REPORT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 3, 2012 3:00 PM – SBO

In attendance:

Committee Members: Chair: S. Yaremco, L. Collingwood, J. McIntosh

Ex officio Les Kearns

Trustees (non-voting)

Regrets

Administration: S. Richards, Secretary Treasurer; C. van der Mark, Superintendent; M. McDiarmid, Asst Superintendent;

The meeting convened at 3:00 PM

REPORT:

No meeting was held in December, 2011. The committee reviewed and discussed the following policies.

Policy	Description	Type
6.335x	Acceptable Use	Revision
6.175	Challenge of Learning Resources	Revision
6.120	Flag Protocol	New
9.180	Child Protection	Revision
3.xxx	Various Positions - Instructional	Revision/Deletion
8.xxx	Various Positions - Non-Instructional	Revision/Deletion
9.210	Student Suspension	Revision

1. The committee noted that consultation had been undertaken from November 16 to December 9 with respect to:

6.335x Acceptable Use, 6.175 Challenge of Learning Resources, 6.120 Flag Protocol, 9.180 Child Protection

Favourable comments were received from the BVTU and CUPE Local 2145. ***The committee recommends that the Board approve revisions to the policies as presented.***

2. The committee discussed the purpose and value of the wide variety of policies in Section 3 and 8 of the Policy Manual. These policies relate to Instructional and Non-Instructional positions within the district. The committee resolved to undertake further review of these policies.
3. The committee also reviewed proposed revisions to 9.210 Student Suspension noting that such revisions would include the deletion of 9.120 Student Involvement with Illegal Drugs & Alcohol as well as revisions to 9.210 Student Suspension. Discussion focused on two key areas: the board's involvement in 'board level' suspensions as well as the potential for conflict given changes to Section 11 of the School Act. Administration will provide final draft revisions to the committee at its February meeting.
4. Trustee Collingwood raised the issue of facility rentals and the committee had a brief discussion of the Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Smithers as well as larger issues relating to community use of district facilities. Mr. Richards noted that draft revisions had been prepared and will bring them forward to the committee's next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 pm.

Date and time of Next Meeting: February 7, 2012 at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by: S. Yaremco, Chairperson, Policy Committee