



COMMITTEE REPORT

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING January 4, 2011 5:00 PM – SBO

In attendance:

Committee Members: Chair: J. McIntosh, P. Michell, F. Farrell

Ex officio Les Kearns

Trustees (non-voting)

Regrets

Administration: S. Richards, Secretary Treasurer; B. Young, Superintendent;

The meeting convened at 5:05 PM

REPORT:

The Committee reviewed and discussed the following policies.

Policy	Description	Type
3.270	Administrator Recruitment	Revision
6.200	Parent Advisory Councils	Revision
6.205	District Parent Advisory Councils	Revision
6.500	School Planning Councils	Revision
9.180	Child Abuse & Neglect	Revision

1. 3.270 Administrator Recruitment

The committee noted that at the last meeting (November 2010), the committee resolved to keep the policy in committee pending outcomes from the December retreat. They also noted the considerable study and revisions given to the policy. ***The committee feels that this policy is now ready for Board consideration and recommends approval as presented.***

2. 6.200 Parent Advisory Councils

3. 6.205 District Parent Advisory Councils

4. 6.500 School Planning Councils

Administration noted that all 3 policies had been sent out for consultation and that the deadline for feedback was December 31, 2010. Supportive comments were received from LKS, HSS, and BVTU. A lengthy letter was received from Ms. Tricia Purnell. Ms. Purnell's letter suggested she was representing Telkwa Elementary's SPC and PAC although, in a visit to the SBO, she informed district staff that the letter was written on her own behalf and not the SPC or PAC. Given this lack of clarity, the committee directed administration to communicate with the Telkwa PAC and inquire whether the letter fairly represented the views of the PAC through resolution. Pending clarification of this issue, the committee decided to keep the policies in committee.

5. Child Protection

This policy has been in committee for some time pending receipt of a provincial template to be developed by BCSTA. Information received from legal counsel at BCSTA in late December 2010 informed districts that work was ongoing on the template policy and that districts could expect it early in the new year. The policy will remain in committee until that time.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

Date and time of Next Meeting: February 1, 2011 at 5:00

Submitted by: J. McIntosh, Chairperson, Policy Committee