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**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 8, 2013 3:00 PM – SBO**

**In attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Chair: F. Farrell, L. Collingwood, J. McIntosh  
**Ex officio** Les Kearns  
**Trustees (non-voting)** S. Yaremco  
**Regrets** J. McIntosh  
**Administration:** S. Richards, Secretary Treasurer; C. van der Mark, Superintendent; M. McDiarmid, Asst Superintendent;

**REPORT:**

The committee convened at 3:00 for the first time since October 2012 due to a lack of quorum in November and a cancelled meeting in December. The committee reviewed outstanding issues from October as well as some new policies.

**1. Results of Consultation**

Mr. Richards provided feedback from the MME PAC and the BVTU with respect to:

- 6.207 PAC Liability
- 9.220 Access to Student Records
- 11.290 Field Trips

The Muheim PAC had specific comments about the revisions to 11.290 indicating that they “do not support any timeframes imposed on extra-curricular activities”. They specifically objected to 10 months notice for international travel and the 3 month notice period for high risk activities.

The BVTU observed that the notice period for In-district, low risk field trips be one week rather than two. Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid both provided some background on the rationale for these changes and noted that there could be some misunderstanding – especially with respect to in town field trips. Administration will draft a letter in response to the MME PAC. Trustee Farrell noted that he would be attending a PAC meeting in the near future and would speak to the points identified in the letter. ***The committee recommends that the Board approve all 3 policies as presented.***

**1.160 Board Elections (Revision)**

This policy was brought forward for revision consideration as a result of some lack of clarity with respect to the Aboriginal Education representative. Specifically, whether the position was one obtained through election or appointment by the Chairperson. The committee reviewed the existing policy as well as past practice at elections and resolved to not pursue any changes at this time. The AbEd position is an elected position and will remain so.

**6.330 IT System & Information Security (NEW)**

Mr. Richards provided the committee with a draft policy on this issue noting that it was a recommendation resulting from the audit. The policy’s primary purpose is to assign accountability. ***The committee recommends that the Board approve the policy without the need for public consultation.***

**4.380 Gender Equity & Non-Discrimination**

Mr. Richards refreshed member’s memories with respect to the development of this policy noting that the Board currently had two separate policies that dealt specifically with racial/sexual discrimination and gender equity(4.340 and 4.380). He presented a new draft policy which amalgamates the essence of the existing two policies as well



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as incorporate an element of promoting tolerance and respect for sexual, racial and gender diversity. The committee discussed the draft at some length and Mr. Perry Rath (Teacher at SSS) also provided some feedback. ***The committee recommends that the Board distribute this policy for consultation to all regular stakeholders.***

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm.  
Date and time of Next Meeting: February 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM.  
Submitted by: F. Farrell, Chairperson, Policy Committee