

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

Minutes

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

June 3rd, 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
Regrets:	

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF May 6st, 2014

Policy	Description	Type	Status
1.150	Standing Committees	Revision	Approved
1.1525	Education Forum	Deletion	Approved
	Student Trustee	New	In-Committee
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NEW BUSINESS:

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
9.950	Student Choice	Revision	Yes
11.140	Student Transportation	Revision	Yes
4.385	Bullying & Harassment	New	no
6.420	Corporate Donations	Revision	no

1. Policy 9.950, Student Choice, and Policy 11.140, Student Transportation

Mr. Margerm updated the Policy Committee on public consultation for the Student Choice and Transportation Policies. There were no discernable changes to Student Choice. Mr. McDiarmid brought up some changes around criteria for French Immersion catchment criteria. The Policy Committee decided to postpone any possible changes to the fall 2014. The Board received some minor wording feedback from BCPVPA which were considered. **Motion: It is recommended that the Board approve the amendments to Policy 9.950, Student Choice, and Policy 11.140, Student Transportation.**

2. Policy 4.385, Bullying and Harassment Policy

Mr. Margerm presented the draft policy of the legally required district Bullying and Harassment Policy 4.385. The Committee recommended that the sections on Procedures, Reporting and Investigations be removed from policy and added as appendices. Mr. Margerm will make necessary changes. **Motion: The Committee recommends that the Board adopt the draft Bullying and Harassment Policy 4.385 as presented, including with changes to appendices.**

Type: New, Revision, Deletion
 Status: In-committee, on-going, approved
 Consultation Yes, Not required, Complete

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3. Corporate Donations Policy 6.420

Mr. Margerm presented example policy from other districts regarding corporate donations. A short summary of these policies were provided:

- a) In generally policies do not include specific language around 'controversial' donations (eg. political, environmental...). Language such as "unique" is used to denote some special issue or possible controversy around a donation that the Board may want to be advised upon.
- b) Some Boards deal with donations and in some districts the District Administration deal with donations. Some districts leave it to schools if below minimal threshold.
- c) Some Administration decides which donations go to the School Board, and particular districts have thresholds associated (eg. \$5,000 or \$20,000)
- d) In Mr. Margerm's discussions with other Secretary Treasurers, all districts acknowledged taking \$ even if donations were of a 'unique' or possibly controversial nature.

Mr. Margerm was asked by Committee to provide some draft language to the Policy committee in the fall of 2014 trying to integrate the following guidelines:

- A threshold up to \$_____ for schools to decide
- A threshold of \$20,000 to be integrated into decisions between district approval and Board involvement.
- Language around donations of an 'unique' nature of political or corporate donations
- Process used that will provide the district administration (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer) the ability to send donations to the Board.

The language would revolve around the principle that the School Board would be involved in a decisions to accept donations that may be of a unique/controversial nature or a material amount.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: September 9th, 2014