

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

REPORT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 1st, 2016 3:00 PM School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Collingwood, Chair F. Farrell, Alternate D. Hanson L. Kearns (ex officio)	M. McDiarmid, Assistant Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer
Regrets:	C. van der Mark, Superintendent

The meeting was conducted from 3:12-4:22 pm

REPORT

Welcome: I would like to acknowledge that we are conducting our meeting on the traditional territory of the Witsuwit'en.

PREVIOUS MEETING OF February 2th, 2016

Policy	Description	Type	Status
6.270	Student Trustee Public Participation in Building Planning (Trustee Hanson) Annual Facility Review Process Timing	New Revision Revision	In-Committee Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
1.185	Traditional Welcome Trustee Professional Development–return to Committee Trustee School Visits (D. Hanson)	Revision	Yes

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1. Traditional Welcome

The Committee makes the recommendation that the following language for the Board's First Nations Acknowledgement be approved:

"Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the _____."

Smithers opening: Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan

Houston opening: Likhsilya - Small Frog Clan

Moricetown opening: Likhsilya - Small Frog Clan

2. Policy 1.185 Trustee Professional Development

The Committee recommends that the following revisions in Note 1 to Policy 1.185 be approved and sent out for public consultation.

3. Trustee School Visits

Trustee Hanson raised the issue of allowing for a process by which trustees would have the opportunity for increased school visits. An email communication was supplied by Trustee Hanson from Trustee Christine Youngusband describing SD46 process for school visits by trustees. Trustee Hanson described her reasons for allowing trustees the opportunity to visit schools.

Trustees and senior administration spoke against this idea outlining several concerns. The committee concluded there was no basis for making a recommendation to the board.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: April 5th, 2016 @ 3:00pm

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NOTE 1

1.185 TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board offers the following opportunities for trustees:

- a) The Board will sponsor the following meetings/conferences for all trustees.
 - 1) BCSTA Trustee Academy held in the late Fall
 - 2) BCSTA Annual General Meeting and Conference held in the Spring
 - 3) North West Zone Branch meetings.

- b) The Board will provide a Pro-D account of **\$1,500** for each Trustee at the beginning of the Trustee's **4-year** term. Any Trustee doing a portion of a **4-year** term will start with a proportionate amount in this account. This account is to be used at the professional discretion of the Trustee but must last for the **4-year** term and no portion may be carried over to another term.

Each Trustee not attending a conference sponsored for all Trustees may ask another Trustee to collect/collate conference information and present it to the absent Trustee.

Each Trustee attending a Conference/Workshop must prepare a report, as soon as is appropriate for the Board.

It is expected that Trustees will make every reasonable effort to attend both BCSTA events during the first year of their term. **In years 2, 3 and 4, attendance at the BCSTA events is at the discretion of the individual Trustee; though, the Board Chair is strongly encouraged to attend both.**

VALUES

In its consideration of this policy, the Board has been guided by the values of responsibility for prudent use of public funds and the responsibility to provide reasonable opportunities for trustee professional development.

This policy takes into consideration the Board's responsibilities to provide both professional opportunities for Trustees and accountability for public monies. In order to operate and govern itself in a manner that models our values and strengthens relationships within our education community, Trustees must have opportunities for professional development.