

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 (Bulkley Valley)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 7th, 2017

4:15 PM

School Board Office

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

Welcome: *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 Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

REPORT

PREVIOUS MEETING OF February 7th, 2017

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
	Meeting was cancelled		

NEW BUSINESS

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
4.380, 6.380	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Margerm)	Revision	Yes
6.320	French Language Programs BN-P-2 (McDiarmid)	Revision	Yes
	Section 177 BN-P-3 (Margerm)	New	Not Required
	Superintendent Evaluation BN-P-1 (Margerm)	Revision	Yes

The meeting was conducted between 4:15pm - 5:07 pm

1. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identification: Policy 4.380, 6.380

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the draft revisions Policies 4.380 and 6.380 as presented.

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

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2. French Language Programs: Policy 6.320

Mr. McDiarmid recommended the review of Policy 6.320. The following points were discussed:

- a) Currently intake is based on first-come, first serve basis. This should be reviewed with the possibility of moving to a lottery system in order to stop bias towards parents that have the ability to show up early in morning and wait in line for registration.
- b) Current practice is to prioritize new French immersion student intake based on siblings already enrolled in the program. This practice is not outlined in policy. 18 of the 20 guaranteed spots went to students with siblings.
- c) Policy should not refer to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- d) French Immersion should begin in Kindergarten. Policy currently notes grade 1.
- e) French Immersion programming should be based on adequate and qualified staff to provide a quality program. This is becoming more difficult to hire qualified staff.

The Committee recommends that Mr. McDiarmid prepare draft language for proposed changes and submit to Committee in April.

3. Section 177 Language

Mr. Margem updated committee on the Ministry requirement that the Boards review their procedures and/or policies to ensure that districts include the elements set out in Ministerial Guidelines with regards to Section 177 of the School Act. Currently the District has the appropriate Section 177 language within the Administration Manual. ***The Committee recommends that the necessary Section 177 language be prepared in draft policy form and submitted to Committee in April.***

4. Superintendent's Evaluation

Postponed to April committee meeting.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: April 4th, 2017 Time TBD

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