
COMMITTEE REPORT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 5, 2013 3:00 PM – SBO

In attendance:

Committee Members: Chair: F. Farrell, L. Collingwood, J. McIntosh
Ex officio Les Kearns
Trustees (non-voting)
Regrets F. Farrell
Administration: S. Richards, Secretary Treasurer; M. McDiarmid, Asst Superintendent;
Guests: K. Bachman, President, BVTU

Trustee McIntosh presided at the meeting in Trustee Farrell's absence.

REPORT:

1. 11.300 Student Athletic Travel

The committee reviewed the history of this policy noting that originally it dealt with supervision issues and that the Board had approved the deletion of the policy. Mr. Richards noted that should the Board wish to entrench the past practice of financially supporting student athletic travel, this policy would be tailored to achieve that goal. The committee reviewed the funding structures currently in place and noted that the table could be improved to achieve greater clarity. The committee agreed to keep this policy in committee and review further changes.

2. 9.235 Bullying / Intimidation

The committee reviewed this policy noting that its need had been obviated by provincial requirements. The committee also noted the importance of public access to relevant information on the subject of bullying. Mr. McDiarmid noted that there was a very visible link of the district's website. ***The committee recommends that the Board approve the deletion of this policy subject to consultative feedback from stakeholders.***

3. 9.190 Student Use of Helmets

The committee reviewed a new draft policy on the subject and agreed that it was needed. ***The committee recommends that the Board direct administration to distribute this draft policy for consultation.***

4. 4.600 Employee Use of Helmets

The committee reviewed a new draft policy on the subject and agreed that it was needed. Mr. Richards provided background on the WCB issues noting that a policy would be required for those activities taking place off the employer's worksites. ***The committee recommends that the Board direct administration to distribute this draft policy for consultation.***

5. 4.330 Health Examination

The committee reviewed this policy ***and recommends that the Board approve the deletion of this policy without consultation.***

6. 4.380 Gender Equity / Non Discrimination

Mr. Richards noted that this policy had been distributed for consultation and that limited feedback had been received. The committee spent considerable time reviewing changes suggested in correspondence from Smithers Secondary (Mr. P. Rath). After discussion, the committee agreed to some revisions in the policy wording. ***The committee recommends that the Board approve the revised draft policy.*** The committee also agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Rath from the Committee Chairperson for his contributions to this important policy.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 pm.

Date and time of Next Meeting: April 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by: J. McIntosh, A/ Chairperson, Policy Committee