

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

REPORT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 7, 2014 **3:00 PM** School Board Office

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

The regular meeting convened at 3:00 pm and continued to 4:05 pm.

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REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF September 9, 2014

Policy	Description	Type	Status
6.490	Criminal Record Checks	Revision	Approved
6.420	Corporate Donations	Revision	In-Committee
	Student Trustee	New	In-Committee

NEW BUSINESS

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
11.140	Update on Transportation policy implementation		
	Transportation – Fee paying students Request ?	Revision	Yes
1.150	Establishing quorum at committee meetings	Revision	No
1.150	Publish committee meeting agenda prior to meeting	Revision	No
6.420	Controversial Donations	Revision	No

1. Update on Transportation policy implementation & Transportation – Fee paying students Request? (email-Mr. Bentley)

Mr. Margerm updated the committee on responses received to the changes in transportation policy made in June 2014. There have been a few calls to Ms. Whalen, Mr. Margerm and other administrators. Concerns were around parent’s perception that the school district has a duty to transport students, it is a large inconvenience for parents that both work and the difficulty of getting students to after-school care. District staff communicated that there is no duty to transport in-town students or drop off bus-students at varying locations on inconsistent schedule. In addition, the district is sympathetic that working parents may have difficulty with transporting their children after school, but once again this is not within our current policy mandate for the reasons of safety and complexity.

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

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The committee also discussed email communication from Mr. Bentley in regards to a pay-for service idea. This would involve parents paying a fee for the transportation of students. The following discussion points were noted:

- This policy decision was based on safety and complexity issues and, therefore, a fee-based system would only reinstate safety and complexity issues with minor revenue that would be spent on supervision time involved with managing the extra students.
- Though we do try to accommodate students, we are not in the business of providing extra service to after school care or places of employment.
- If we open up to fee-paying transportation, then we may have even more requests than we previously had and parents will have higher expectations for schedules, drop-off locations, timing...
- With extra revenue it may be possible to provide this service which could help our parents.

It was recommended to let the policy stand and not allow for the option of fee-paying transportation.

2. Establishing language around quorum at committee meetings. (policy 1.150)

It is recommended that ***the Board adopt the proposed language around allowing the chair, (ex-officio) to vote and make recommendations if quorum is not achieved at a committee meeting.*** [As per language in briefing note]

3. Publish committee meeting agenda prior to meeting

There was a discussion around whether to post the agenda and minutes of committee meetings to the District 54 web page. It is recommended that ***the District administration post the agenda and minutes to committee meetings to the district web page.***

4. Voluntary Donations to Public Education Programs (Policy 6.4620)

Mr. Margerm provided additional draft language for the donation policy in order to expand on procedures for donations of a controversial or unique nature. Input was provided by the Committee and Mr. Margerm will report back to the committee again at November committee meeting.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: November 4th, 2014 @ 3:pm