

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54
(Bulkley Valley)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Regular

October 4th, 2016

3:00 PM

School Board Office

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

The meeting was conducted from 3:04-4:05 pm

REPORT

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."

PREVIOUS MEETING OF September 13th, 2016

Policy	Description	Type	Status
6.310	Student Trustee Tobacco and Vapour Products	New Revision	In-Committee Approved

NEW BUSINESS

Policy	Description	Type	Consultation
4.380	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity	Revision	Yes
	Water Testing	New	No
9.960	Course Fees For Non-Enrolling Students	Revision	Yes

1. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Policy 4.380)

Language concerning 'sexual orientation and gender identity or expression' consistent with Ministry directive will be inserted into Policy on Code of Conduct (Policy 6.380). The Committee also discussed the need to keep the scope of district policy broad rather than too specific. The Committee has asked Mr. McDiarmid to report back to the committee in November after the SOGI Summit (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) on October 25th,

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

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2016 with recommendations for amending Policy 4.380 Gender Equity and Non Discrimination & Diversity and Policy 4.385 Bullying & Harassment. These recommendations are related to whether particular SOGI language is necessary in our current policy and what type of language would specifically be required. This committee may also want to re-evaluate how these policies are organized within a Board policy framework.

2. Water Testing

The Ministry of Education has developed and implemented policy outlining the need for districts to ensure water quality complies with Water Management Best Practices and Drinking Water Protection Act. Mr. Margerm will proceed with creating and enacting district regulations to meet the Ministry policy around evaluating water qualities in schools. This will not necessitate a district policy.

3. Course Fees for Non-Enrolling Students (Policy 9.960)

This current policy needs to be amended to become up-to-date with current practice. Mr. McDiarmid and Mr. Margerm will provide draft language around amending policy. Revised policy will take into account the following:

- Consider non-enrolling, non-funded, cross-enrolled and graduated students
- guidelines for fees that provide flexibility and choice
- leave decisions at school level
- conditions for acceptance
- consider implications to other post-secondary institutions
- Based on premise of creating equity for all students

Date & Time of Next Meeting: November 1st, 2016 @3:00pm