

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 54**  
*(Bulkley Valley)*

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**REPORT**  
**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015      3:00 PM      School Board Office*

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

**Meeting was conducted from 3:06-3:55 pm**

**PREVIOUS MEETING OF June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Student Trustee	New	In-Committee
	Outline of Procedures for Policy Review		
	Student Driving for Purposes of School	New	In-Committee

**NEW BUSINESS**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Consultation</b>
11.140	Prioritize Policy Requests	New	No
	Student Driving for Purposes of School (BN-P-1)	Revision	No
	Traditional Welcome (Trustee Farrell)	New	No
11.290	Trips – International or external to district	Revision	No

**1. Student Driving for Purposes of School**

Mr. McDiarmid met with Houston and Smithers administrators to discuss new conditions around driving policy. There were some concerns from Houston administrators that they would want opportunity for students to drive to Smithers. Mr. McDiarmid outlined the Board’s concerns in regards to safety and liability of students driving themselves or others in poor weather conditions. Mr. McDiarmid submitted recommended permission form for schools to use.

***The Committee recommends the Board adopt the new policy revisions as outlined by McDiarmid.***

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

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## 2. Traditional Welcome/Acknowledgement

Trustees Farrell, Michell, Williams, and administrator B. Markert met to discuss the option of a Traditional Welcome/Acknowledgement. It was agreed that a Traditional Welcome or Acknowledgement would be important to work towards. ***It is recommended that the Sub-committee meet and report on:***

- a. Traditional Welcome vs Acknowledgment – either or both***
  - b. wording for either Welcome or Acknowledgement***
  - c. appropriate meetings to use Welcome or Acknowledgment***
- at the October Committee meeting.

## 3. International Field Trips

There have been concerns expressed with the process and guidelines surrounding international and out-of-province field trips. The Board is to review the current policy and guidelines. ***The Committee recommends that senior management provide a briefing note for the October committee meeting outlining their concerns.***

C. Date & Time of Next Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 3:00pm