

SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9th, 2024

4:00 PM

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
K. Graham, Chair F. Farrell, Alternate J. Krauskopf J. Williams (ex officio)	M. McDiarmid, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer J. Fox, Assistant Superintendent
Regrets	

The meeting was conducted from 4:00 - 4:30 pm.

Acknowledgement: *“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 Feb 20th, 2024

Policy	Description	Type	Status	Consultation
6.175	Challenge of Learning Resources	Revision	In-committee	Yes
AP	Selection of Learning Resources Policy	New	In-committee	Yes
Bylaw 3	Complaints Appeals (Postponed until February)	Revision	In-committee	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Policy	Description	Type	Status	Consultation
6.175	Challenge of Learning Resources (Margerm) - Approval	Revision	In-committee	Yes
	Indigenous Acknowledgement (Williams)	Revision	In-committee	Yes
1.180	Trustee Code of Conduct (Margerm)	Revision	In-Committee	Yes
Bylaw 3	Complaints Appeals (Margerm)	New	In-Committee	No
	Cell Phones (McDiarmid)	New	In-Committee	Yes

1) Policy 6.175 Challenge of Learning Resources

The public consultation period has ended and there was no public input to be consider by the Committee.

Motion: Committee recommends the Board approve revisions to Policy 6.175 Challenge of Learning Resources as presented.

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

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2) Indigenous Acknowledgement

Trustee Williams brought up a request to consider updating the Board's Indigenous Acknowledgement for meetings. It was noted that the language used in acknowledgements has evolved over the past five years.

It is recommended that the Indigenous Acknowledgement be forwarded to the Indigenous Council for review and input. Ms. Fox will follow up with Council at the next Indigenous meeting.

3) Policy 1.180 Trustee Code of Conduct

Mr. Margerm updated the Committee that the Ministry and BCSTA have provided direction to require school districts to make sure Trustee Code of Conduct Policy meets the new requirements. The committee discussed the current Trustee Code of Conduct Policy and found that it meets the new requirements, and no changes are recommended.

4) Bylaw 3 – Complaints and Appeals

Mr. Margerm provided the Committee with requested revisions based on Ministry requirements for an appeals bylaw. The committee discussed the bylaw revisions and made recommendations.

Motion: Committee recommends the Board approve revisions as presented for Bylaw #3 Complaints & Appeals with three readings.

5) Cell Phone Policy

Mr. McDiarmid updated the Committee on the current Ministry direction concerning cell phone use in schools. At this point the District is waiting to hear from the Ministry on expectations around policy on cell phone use.

Date & Time of Next Meeting: May 14th, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

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