

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Aug. 29, 2018
School Board Office
Squamish, BC
Time: 10:30am

MINUTES

2018-08-29 PC-O

The meeting was called to order at 10:50am.

Attendance

Trustees: L. Godfrey, R. Barley,

Staff: L. McCullough, M. Azim, P. Lorette, C. Nicholson, S. Saunders

1. AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the amended agenda of this meeting be approved.”**

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held Dec 13, 2017 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Cannabis Legalization and Regulation – *L. McCullough*

More policy and legal procedure will be put forward related to staff and students, and the impact of this new legalization. Separate policies and/or admin procedures may be needed and lawyers will be consulted.

B. Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) – *L. McCullough*

Five-year-old policy reviewed by Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, and Director of Instruction and replaced with new SOGI policy.

Two options were presented to move this policy forward:

1. Send out stakeholders for impact or
2. Passed as an urgent policy

Assistant Superintendent Nicholson shared that according to statistics, in the past 12 months, lesbian/gay youth were seven times more likely to attempt suicide. Hence, this policy is urgent.

Trustee Godfrey suggested having an education session on SOGI for the new Board anytime after December.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the**

**Board of Education adopt Policy
100.4 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity,
as presented.”**

CARRIED

C. Policies/Regulations – *L. McCullough*

The Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, and Assistant Superintendents are reviewing policies. A consultant was considered to assist with policy review and organization, however, at this time, the school district will keep this process internal. Outside consultation will be considered in the future.

As part of the review, best practice in other districts have been considered. For example, the Board governs 1 or 2 policy series; 200 and possibly 100-level and everything else is an admin procedure.

Trustee Godfrey raised the point that in modernising and rewriting policies and admin procedures, if they are of benefit to the public, they should be on website.

200 series is being looked at in Committee of the Whole.
300/800/1000 series have not been reviewed yet.

Policies on the summary sheet have had at least one review.

600 series

600.1 - Statement of Guiding Principles – high level vision and values.
Recommendation to repeal and language added to the 100 series.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy & Regulation 600.1 Statement of Guiding Principles.”**

CARRIED

601.2 - Community Education & Community Schools is a 1994 document, already captured in the Education Plan. Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy & Regulation 601.2 Community Education and Community Schools, as presented.”**

CARRIED

601.3 - School Closures clashes with 905.1, which is much more detailed.
Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy 601.3 School Closures, as presented.”**

CARRIED

601.4 - Environmental Sustainability. This is law and is in the curriculum now. Recommendation to repeal and recommended that a note is added to one of the financial policies regarding the incorporation of environmental sustainability into facilities and projects regardless of the additional associated costs.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy & Regulation 601.4 Environmental Sustainability, as presented.”**

CARRIED

602.1 – Homework. Language possibly offensive to students and teachers. Guidelines will be included in Assessment Handbook Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy & Regulation 602.1 Homework, as presented.”**

CARRIED

602.3 – First Nations Education will be reviewed by Aboriginal Education Council.

602.4 – French Immersion Programs. Reviewed recently, no changes at this time.

602.5 – Francophone Programs. We have lease agreements with partner groups. Redundant policy. Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy 602.5 Francophone Programs, as presented.”**

CARRIED

602.7 – Outdoor Education. This is an old policy and Programs of Choice have replaced this. Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy 602.7 Outdoor Education, as presented.”**

CARRIED

602.8 – Non Sexist Instruction. This is redundant as it is now covered in SOGI and it is illegal to discriminate on basis of gender. Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the**

Board of Education repeals Policy 602.8 Non Sexist Instruction, as presented.”

CARRIED

602.9 – Portrayal of Violence. To be reviewed at a later date.

602.10 – International Education. To be reviewed at a later date.

602.11 – Community Education. Most adults now choose distance and alternate learning as opposed to community learning. Recommendation to repeal.

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the committee recommends the Board of Education repeals Policy & Regulation 602.11 Community Education, as presented.”**

CARRIED

602.12 – Programs of Choice. Leave for now.

602.13 – Out of Province Students. May be brought for consideration at September board meeting.

Reminder September meeting will be lengthy.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED/SECONDED: **“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.30pm

L. Godfrey

M. Azim

Committee Chair

Secretary-Treasurer