



POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 20, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jennifer Ajandi, Dale Robinson (alternate for Jonathan Fast), Cheryl Keddy Scott, Dave Schaubel, Linda Crouch

ADMINISTRATION: Kelly Pisek, Michael St. John, Jennifer Feren, Kim Yielding

GUESTS: JoAnna Roberto, Lorraine Giroux, Helen McGregor, John Dickson, Marian Reimer-Friesen,

REGRETS: Jonathan Fast, Stacy Veld, Lora Courtois

SECRETARY: Jennifer Reid

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Cheryl Keddy Scott called the meeting of the Policy Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Cheryl Keddy Scott asked the Committee for approval of the agenda.

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi, Seconded by Dave Schaubel

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Chair Keddy Scott asked the Committee to review the Minutes of March 21, 2017. Chair Keddy Scott asked for questions or comments and none were brought forward.

Moved by Dave Schaubel, Seconded by Linda Crouch

“That the Minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of March 21, 2017.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017

Chair Keddy Scott asked the Committee to review the Minutes of March 28, 2017. Chair Keddy Scott asked for questions or comments and none were brought forward.

Moved by Linda Crouch, Seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That the Minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business arising from the Minutes of March 28, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS**POLICY G-35: COPYRIGHT PROVISIONS**

Superintendent of Education Kelly Pisek presented on behalf of Stacy Veld. Minor changes were made to include current terminology and formatting. As well, references were placed on the bottom of the page.

Moved by Jennifer Ajandi, seconded by Linda Crouch

“That Policy G-35: Copyright Provisions be approved as received and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY G-31: ABORIGINAL-VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL ABORIGINAL STUDENT SELF-IDENTIFICATION

Superintendent of Education JoAnna Roberto shared that positive feedback was received mainly around the programming over the process. Curriculum Consultants and Student Achievement Leaders Lorraine Giroux and Paul Taylor reviewed the policy with AEAC in October and visited the Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie Friendship Centres in March for further feedback. Feedback was taken into consideration and added in the first paragraph of this policy. Terminology updates were made, changing the term Aboriginal to Indigenous, except in the definition as it is stated from the Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35. Framework goals and mission have been changed to reflect current practise and the addition of holistic health and overall well being was added under guiding principles to align with the Strategic Plan. Superintendent JoAnna Roberto added that brochures will be updated, distributed to schools and kept in the office readily available for students.

Moved by Dave Schaubel, seconded by Linda Crouch

“That Policy G-31: Aboriginal-Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Student Self-Identification be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY E-11: EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Superintendent of Education John Dickson presented that the changes made to this policy were influenced by Ministry updates and current practise. Specifically this policy has been updated to reflect current PPM 119 (2013). Terminology and formatting changes were made which include the removal of preambles. Definitions were added from PPM 119 that pertain to this policy. The three goals from the Ontario's Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy (2014) were incorporated and changes were made to include current dates. References and guidelines were added to reflect current practise.

Moved by Dave Schaubel, seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That Policy E-11: Equity and Inclusive Education be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY I-01: GUIDELINES FOR RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION DATES FOR TEACHERS

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren presented on behalf of Superintendent of Human Resources Lora Courtois. No feedback was received. Terminology updates were made to reflect current practise. The content of this policy was not changed.

Moved by Dale Robinson, seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That Policy I-01: Guidelines for Retirement/Resignation Dates for Teachers be approved as received and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY I-03: INTERPROVINCIAL/INTERNATIONAL TEACHER EXCHANGE

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren presented on behalf of Superintendent of Human Resources Lora Courtois. Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren stated that only terminology changes were made to reflect current practise.

Moved by Linda Crouch, seconded by Jennifer Ajandi

“That I-03: Interprovincial/International Teacher Exchange be approved as received and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY E-02: SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren stated that this policy has been postponed until further consultation with outside counsel is made.

POLICY A-02: ATTENDANCE AT BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren presented that terminology updates were made to reflect current practise. No content was altered in this policy.

Moved by Dave Schaubel, seconded by Dale Robinson

“That Policy A-02: Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY G-05: WEAPONS

Superintendent of Education Helen McGregor along with Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren shared that some feedback was received and incorporated into this policy. The Regulations under the *Criminal Code of Canada* is referenced and in the same sentence “but not limited to” has been added. Superintendent McGregor added that “mace” was included in the list of prohibited weapons. Terminology changes were made and new references were added to reflect current practise.

Moved by Linda Crouch, seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That Policy G-05: Weapons be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

POLICY G-08: CODE OF STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Superintendent of Education Marian Reimer Friesen and Board Lawyer Jennifer Feren shared that feedback was received and included in the revisions of this policy. In paragraph one additional language was added from PPM 128 directly. Terminology changes were made to reflect current practise. Feedback was incorporated on page two in the first paragraph based on PPM 128 to define where standards of behaviour apply within DSBN. On page two in the fourth paragraph additional feedback was included that better reflects Policy G-28 and the administrative procedure, where “progressive discipline and consideration of mitigating factors” have been added. In addition, on page two it was suggested by the committee to replace the term “texts” with “instructional supplies” and that throughout the policy where it states “parent” to replace with “parent/guardian”. Both changes will be made to this policy.

Moved by Dale Robinson, seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That Policy G-08: Code of Student Behaviour be approved as amended and adopted.”

attached

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dale Robinson, Seconded by Dave Schaubel

“That the Policy Committee meeting adjourn.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:09.