



POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
5:15 p.m.
Grimsby Lincoln Room – Education Centre

MINUTES ADDENDUM

PRESENT: Diane Chase (Alternate for Jennifer Ajandi), Cheryl Keddy Scott, Sue Barnett (Alternate for Dave Schaubel), Linda Crouch, Jonathan Fast

ADMINISTRATION: Kelly Pisek, Michael St. John

GUESTS: Paula MacKinnon, Samir Alazzam, Karling Luciani, Helga Campbell, Lora Campbell, Kevin Maves, Dale Robinson

REGRETS: Jennifer Ajandi, Dave Schaubel

SECRETARY: Jennifer Reid

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Cheryl Keddy Scott called the meeting of the Policy Committee to order at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Jonathan Fast

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY A-01: STUDENT TRUSTEES ON BOARDS

Superintendent of Education Paula MacKinnon stated that the policy was reviewed last year. At that time little feedback was received and some minor changes were made. Student Trustee Samir Alazzam proposed that the policy be changed from a one year term to a two year term for a Student Trustee position. Superintendent Paula MacKinnon stated that the current policy allows students to run for a second one year term, provided they are re-elected by the Student Trustee Senate.

Superintendent Paula MacKinnon presented the following concerns with the two year term proposal:

- Fewer students would experience this leadership opportunity
- Students would have to come forward for election in their grade 10 year and may not have had the opportunity to be a member of the Student Trustee Senate prior to running for election

- A two year term is a large time commitment for secondary students to take on for grade 11 and 12; students would need to know in their grade 10 year that they can make that commitment. This may also limit the number of candidates that come forward

Student Trustee Samir Alazaam presented the following benefits with the two year term proposal:

- Opportunity for larger initiatives, one year may not be enough time for completing a project
- More opportunity for students to hold a position at a provincial level with the provincial student trustee organization
- Staggered terms allow for mentorship opportunities as the new student trustee works with a returning student trustee

Following discussion, the Trustees agreed to a one year pilot project whereby Policy A-01 would be amended to allow staggered two year terms for student trustees. At the upcoming election in April 2017, two students will be selected, one for a one year term and the other for a two year term. This policy will be reviewed in March 2018.

Moved by Sue Barnett, Seconded by Diane Chase

"That Policy A-01: Student Trustees on Boards be approved as amended and adopted."

attached

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
List of policies reviewed and what needs to be reviewed will be included.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Diane Chase, Seconded by Linda Crouch

"That the Policy Committee meeting adjourn."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.