

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Policy Committee DATE: May 29, 2019

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee L. Tiede STAFF CONTACT: K. Kaardal, Superintendent/CEO

Attendees:

Board of Education:

Trustee L. Tiede (Chairperson)
Trustee N. Bowman (Committee Member)
Trustee A. Geistlinger (Committee Member)
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff:

K. Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
T. Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representation:

COPAC	Adam Clarke, Treasurer
COTA	No representative
COPVPA	Des Sjoquist, Vice-President
CUPE	Shelley Yost, Clerical/Library Assistant Shop Steward
DSC	Theresa Schwab, Grade 12, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Agenda – Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Addition: 6.3 Amendments to Policy 702 – Aboriginal Education Community Partnerships
- Updated material
6.4 Amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities and Regulations 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*)
7.2 Move Information Item 7.2 to Action Item 6.4

The May 29, 2019 Agenda was approved as amended.

Report

The February 6, 2019 Public Policy Committee Report was approved as presented.

Discussion/Action Items

- 6.1 **Amendments to Policy 480 – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule**
Deletion of Appendix 480A – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (Appendix A)
Application for Exemption of the Three-Year Rule
Deletion of Appendix 480A – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (Appendix B)
Appeal of Decision to Deny Three-Year Rule Exemption Application

(Deferred from February 6, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting)

The original intention of the Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule Policy was that students entering grade 10 would strive to complete graduation requirements within three years. Students who do not complete the graduation requirements within the three years would apply for an Exemption of the Three Year Rule and, if necessary, an Appeal of the Decision for exemption. During the provincial audit of the graduation program, it was determined that this Policy was in contravention of the School Act as a "School age student" is between the ages of 5 and 19. Further amendments were suggested to the Policy.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 480 – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule, Deletion of Appendix 480A – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (Appendix A) -

Application for Exemption of the Three-Year Rule, and Deletion of Appendix 480A – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule (Appendix B) - Appeal of Decision to Deny Three-Year Rule Exemption Application, be forwarded to the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Committee (COPAC) for parental discussion and feedback to the Policy Committee.

6.2 Amendments to Policy 335 – Occupational Health and Safety

The amendments to Policy 335 – Occupational Health and Safety were brought forward to the Policy Committee by the District Health and Safety Manager in consultation with the WorkSafeBC Certificate of Recognition Audit Committee.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 335 – Occupational Health and Safety, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 29, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

6.3 Amendments to Policy 702 – Aboriginal Education Community Partnerships

The Board of Education recently approved, upon the recommendation of Westbank First Nation, the change of name of the Aboriginal Education Council to Indigenous Education Council. Therefore, all programs and documentation are to reflect this change. The Deputy Superintendent will contact Westbank First Nation regarding the use of 'and unceded' in the first line of the introduction.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 702 – Aboriginal Education Community Partnerships, as attached to the Agenda and as amended at the May 29, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

6.4 Amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities

Amendments to Regulation 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*)

The amendments to Policy 650 and Regulation 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*) reference the consumption of alcohol on school property. Further amendments to the Policy and Regulations were discussed by the Committee.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 650 and Regulation 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*) be forwarded to all partner groups for review and feedback to the Policy Committee.

Information Items:

7.1 Amendments to Regulations 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*)

The suggested amendments to Regulations 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*) are related to the decisions for the capping of a school, capping of a grade and deferring a student to a school other than their catchment area school.

The amended Regulations 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*) is to be forwarded to the Board of Education as an information item.

7.2 Review of Policy 220 and Regulations 220R – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer (Regulations)

The review of Policy 220 and Regulations 220R – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer is being brought forward with regard to the Board of Education's role in the approving of the appointment of a Principal/Vice-Principal. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will bring back to the Policy Committee the suggested amendments to indicate the Board approval (action item) of the appointment of a Principal/Vice-Principal and the placement/transfer of a Principal/Vice-Principal to be an information item. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO referred to page 11 of the Trustee Handbook which noted a reflection of the fluid and adaptive relationship between the work of the Board and the work of staff.

Recommendations to the Board of Education

- Amendments to Policy 335 – Occupational Health and Safety (*Action Item*)
- Amendments to Policy 702 – Aboriginal Education Community Partnerships (*Action Item*)
- Amendments to Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) (*Information Item*)

Items for Future Policy Committee Meetings

- Review of Central Okanagan Public Schools Policies (in relation to the Board of Education) relative to School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) Policies
- Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality
- Amendments to Policy 480 – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule, Deletion of Appendix 480A – Application for Exemption of the Three-Year Rule, Deletion of Appendix 480A – Appeal of Decision to Deny Three-Year Rule Exemption Application – feedback from Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council.
- Amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities and Amendments to Regulations 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (Regulations) – feedback from partner groups
- Amendments to Policy 220 and Regulations 220R – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer

Future Policy Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Questions – Please Contact:

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