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I am a: Parent/Caregiver
Re: Board Policy Review

Message:

Re: Review and Revision of the Current Board of Education Policy Manual

Dear Trustee Johnson, Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Broughton, Trustee Fraser,
Trustee Geistlinger, Trustee Guderyan, Trustee Tiede,

This past spring, for me, was like living in the upside-down world; observing shifting viewpoints and board allegiances. I was incredibly discouraged to see many of you, who I think of as strong, critical thinkers, persuaded to move so many policies to administrative procedures, without a proper framework in place for such a move at the April 2026 Board meeting. The adoption of the 2026/2027 Governance Framework and Annual Workplan and the adoption the BCSTA recommended Policy Review Phases 1, 2 and 3 passed at the June 10, 2026 Board meeting seems backward and too belated to effectively govern the work of meaningfully shaping policy updates and the prior policy transfer. How do you propose to address the policies deleted or already moved to administrative procedures, prior to a framework in place? I am concerned that, over time, this will be seen not as a better division of operational and governance responsibilities, but as an erosion of strong local governance, subsequently allowing significant decisions impacting your electorate to be made unilaterally, without board oversight or input.

I was also disheartened by the hostility and disregard shown to parents in the meetings I attended, by staff and by some trustees. I hope, over time you will consider amending this substantial policy move, and this board and committee process will allow you to reflect on your responsibilities as individuals and as elected officials, as it has for me as a private citizen, and a parent volunteer, who has given many hours and years of time to this school district. I recognize the large personal commitment you have made as a school board trustee, and I wish you all the best in your future roles.

Regards,

C Simpson
Kelowna, BC

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