



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Policy Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 4:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee L. Tiede, Chair
Trustee N. Bowman, Committee Member
Trustee A. Geistlinger, Committee Member
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee W. Broughton (*arrived at 4:02 pm*)

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant (recorder)
Absent: Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Partner Groups: Lori Dawson Bedard, First Vice-President, COTA
Wynter Oakes, Pro-D Finance, COPVPA
Shelley Yost, Clerical/Library Assistant Shop Steward, CUPE
Nicola Baker, Vice-President, COPAC
Zach Johnson, Co-President, DSC

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held the
unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

AGENDA

October 5, 2022 Committee Agenda - approved as presented.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Policy Committee Public Meeting Report – June 1, 2022

June 1, 2022 Committee Report - received as distributed.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS QUERIES/COMMENTS

- The Superintendent of Schools/CEO responded to a query from a partner group member regarding the significance of the move of Child Care under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

New Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools

Presenters: Raquel Steen, Assistant Superintendent
Violeta Malfair, District Administrator – International Education and Welcome Centre Program

There are currently residents with children living in the Central Okanagan with precarious or unresolved immigration status. Some of these residents choose not to enroll their children in school due to their inability to produce all immigration documentation. This Policy would ensure schools cannot share information, for students with precarious, unresolved or no status, with federal authorities, ensuring all children can enroll in school without fear, and would provide a safe place for families.

The Committee discussed the definition of '*ordinarily resident*'.

Outcome:

THAT: The Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education:

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 421 - Sanctuary Schools, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the October 5, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting.

Amendments to Policy 245 – Recruitment of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer

The recommended amendments include:

- the reference to Superintendent amended to Superintendent *of Schools/CEO*;
- the reference to Secretary-Treasurer amended to Secretary-Treasurer/*CFO*;
- the reference to Assistant Superintendent amended to *Deputy* Superintendent

The Committee discussed the involvement of partner groups and the compilation of the Selection Committee. Additional amendments to the Policy were suggested, including:

- Item 4 – removal of '*In the event that the Board elects to manage the selection process themselves*'.

- Item 6 – retain '*The Selection Committee will interview all finally approved short-listed candidates and recommend the successful candidate to the Board for approval.*'
- Item 6 – add '*The Board will determine the successful candidate.*'
- Remove paragraph – '*The Board of Education will determine the successful candidate following a selection process that includes approved partner groups and outside representatives.*'
- Item 7 – retain 'Board' and remove 'Executive Staff Management Committee'. Paragraph to read: '*The Board will finalize negotiations with the successful candidate and approve the contract.*'

Outcome:

THAT: The Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 245 – Recruitment of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, as attached to the Agenda and as amended at the October 5, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Board of Education – Action Items:

1. New Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools
2. Amendments to Policy 245 – Recruitment of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer

ITEMS FOR FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Amendments to Policy 220 – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer and Regulations 220R – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer
- Review of Policy, Regulation and Appendix 505 – Learning Assistance
- Review of Policy 510 - Counselling
- Review of Policy 390 - Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

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Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO at 250-470-3256 or Kevin.Kaardal@sd23.bc.ca

Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair