



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Minutes – Policy Committee**

**January 30, 2017, 11:00 a.m.
Board Office**

**Committee Members
In Attendance:**

**Co-Chair Trustee Brown (Chair)
Co-Chair Trustee Ayling
Trustee McPhee
Trustee Helgesen**

Regrets:

**Board/District Staff in
Attendance:**

**Trustee Bellina
Trustee Johns
Chairperson Lento
Trustee Whalen
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent
Diane Casault, Director of Student Learning/Innovation
Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Educ.
Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal of Student Services
Janice Paetz, Executive Assistant (Recorder)**

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

The Policy Committee meeting of January 30, 2017 was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Co-Chair Brown. This meeting is being held on the lands of the Ktunaxa People.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

POL-2017-01

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of January 30, 2017 be approved as circulated.

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

POL-2017-02

M/S that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of November 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.

2. POLICIES DELETED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

- 3.9 Alcohol or Drugs – Possession, Trafficking or Non-Medicinal Use
- 3.11 Drug Free Zone

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Revised Policy 3.7 Code of Conduct

Feedback from partner groups was reviewed.

Discussion included:

- Code of Conduct policy is specifically for our students
- Reminders for parents to behave respectfully - parents do need to know there are limits/consequences. Maybe Principals would discuss this with their PAC chairs. Ms. Therrian, DPAC, will send out a suggestion to school PACs.
- no reference to parent behaviour in the School Act – we could contact BCSTA and suggest this as a possible policy item
- Section 177 – BCSTA template has just been drafted and sent to Boards – Mr. Tichauer is working on a draft policy.

Recommendation A

“M/S that Revised Policy 3.7 Code of Conduct be sent to the Board of Education for approval.”

3.2 Draft Policy – Physical Restraint and Seclusion

Feedback from partner groups was reviewed.

Discussion included:

- ‘imminent danger’ will be included in the definition piece
- correct ‘behaviour’ spelling throughout document
- schools do work with parents on strategies that can be used both at school and at home.

Recommendation B

“M/S that Draft Policy 3.9 Physical Restraint and Seclusion be sent to the Board of Education for approval.”

3.3 Draft Regulations – Policy 3.35 Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

Discussion included:

- policy was fine - we just needed regulations to go with it
- add definition for ‘pan-sexual’
- correct ‘behaviour’ spelling throughout document
- professional development – presentations have been done to PVP, some schools have brought in community members (responding to their own school needs)
- Trustees would like an in-service so they have current information
- SOGI123 website is a great resource.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

Nil

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Policy 3.20 Summer School
Policy 3.21 Adult Education
Policy 3.41 Students Reg. for Distance Education

All three programs have changed a lot in recent years. Ms. Casault and Mr. Tichauer are currently reviewing what current practice is and will make changes as necessary, quite possibly combining these three into one policy.

- 5.2 Policy 5.4 Student Eligibility for Bus Service

Mr. Norum is currently reviewing the policy, the School Act and what current practices are. The revised policy will be brought back to a future meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.