



MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Community Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Policy Committee Chairperson Burtnik.

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Trustee Sicoli.

2. Attendance

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Policy Committee excuse Trustee Fera from attending the Policy Meeting of October 27, 2015.

Committee Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Kathy Burtnik (Committee Chair)	✓		
Frank Fera			✓
Dino Sicoli	✓		

Trustees:

Pat Vernal

Student Trustees:

Michaela Bodis, Trustee

Aidan Harold, Trustee

Staff:

John Crocco, Director of Education

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services

Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services

Anna Pisano, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Services & Communications Department
/Recording Secretary

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the October 27, 2015, Policy Committee Agenda be approved, as presented.

APPROVED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No Disclosures of Interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2015

Moved by Trustee Sicoli

THAT the Policy Committee approve the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of September 29, 2015, as presented.

APPROVED

6. Policies

ACTION REQUIRED

POLICIES - PRIOR TO VETTING

6.1 Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.6)

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented the draft Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.6).

The Policy Committee suggested the following amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- No amendments

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

- Page 2 bullet #1 reinstate the word “and”
- Page 3 1.1 bullet #2 remove the words “(females only)”
- Page 3 1.1 bullet #3 remove the remove first two sentences
- Page 3 Paragraph #3 replace “Shorts must be worn according to sizing provided by the Board uniform supplier. Shorts may not be shortened or altered” with “Shorts that have been improperly altered may not be worn.”
- Move “Body Piercing, Hair Styles and Colour and Tattoos” from Accessories to the Secondary Uniform heading.
- Include revisions as discussed at the Policy Committee Meeting and revisions following discussions with Student Senate and administrators at the November Director’s Meeting.

The Policy Committee requested that the revised draft Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy continue to be reviewed at the November 24, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting prior to vetting.

6.2 Elementary Standardized Dress Code – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.10)

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, presented the Elementary Standardized Dress Code – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.10)

The Policy Committee suggested the following amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- No amendments

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

- No amendments

The Policy Committee requested that similar revisions be made to Body Piercing, Hair Styles and Colour and Tattoos as discussed with the Secondary Uniform Policy. Following discussions with administrators and Student Senate, the Policy Committee requested that a revised draft of the Elementary Standardized Dress Code – Safe Schools Policy continue to be reviewed at the November 24, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting prior to vetting.

6.3 Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (701.2)

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education, presented the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (701.2)

The Policy Committee suggested the following amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- Page 1 Paragraph #2 make note that the Board values community consultation and historical value of the school.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

- Page 8 Paragraph #2 Bullet #2 remove “*declining*” and “*pressures*”

The Policy Committee requested that the draft Pupil Accommodation Review Policy be vetted until January 14, 2016 with a recommended deadline for presentation to the Policy Committee in January, 2016.

6.4 Facility Partnerships Policy (800.6)

Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services, and Kathy Levinski, Manager of Facilities Services presented the Facility Partnerships Policy (800.6)

The Policy Committee suggested the following amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- Page 1 Paragraph #1 replace “*the community*” with “*community partners who support Catholic education*”
- Remove bullets from Ontario Regulation 444/98 – Disposition of Surplus Real Property reference.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

- No amendments

The Policy Committee requested that the draft Facility Partnerships Policy be vetted until January 14, 2016 with a recommended deadline for presentation to the Policy Committee in January, 2016.

INFORMATION

6.5 Policies Currently Being Vetted (September 30, 2015 – November 12, 2015)

- Attendance Support Program Policy (201.16)
- Asthma Policy (NEW)

6.6 Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule

Director Crocco reviewed the Policy and Guideline Review 2015-2016 Schedule.

7. Date of Next Meeting

November 24, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.