



MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Community Room, at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Policy Committee Member Trustee Sicoli for Pat Vernal, Chair of the Policy Committee.

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Trustee Burtnik

2. Attendance

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Policy Committee excuse Trustee Vernal from attending the Policy Meeting of January 31, 2017.

Committee Members	Present	Present Electronically	Absent	Excused
Pat Vernal (Committee Chair)				✓
Kathy Burtnik	✓			
Dino Sicoli	✓			

Student Trustees:

Kira Petriello

Staff:

John Crocco, Director of Education

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education/Human Resources

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the January 31, 2017, 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 November 22, 2016

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Policy Committee approve the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of November 22, 2016, as presented.

APPROVED

6. Policies

ACTION REQUIRED

POLICIES - FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FEBRUARY 14, 2017 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

6.1 Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8)

Yolanda Baldasaro, Superintendent of Education, presented feedback received from the vetting process and highlighted amendments to the Accessibility Standards Policy (800.8) following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Policy Committee recommended the Accessibility Standards Policy be referred back to staff and brought back to the February 2017 Policy Committee Meeting.

6.2 Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting and Homework Policy (301.10)

Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education, presented feedback received from the vetting process and highlighted amendments to the Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting and Homework Policy (301.10) following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Policy Committee recommended the following additional amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- Page 1 last paragraph to include “*the Kindergarten program expectations and the curricular expectations for Grades 1 to 12*”

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- No amendment

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the February 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting to approve the revisions to the Assessment, Evaluation, Reporting and Homework Policy (301.10), as amended.

APPROVED

6.3 Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4)

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, presented feedback received from the vetting process and highlighted amendments to the Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4) following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Policy Committee recommended the following additional amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- No amendment

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- No amendment

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the February 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting to approve the revisions to the Student Suspension – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.4), as presented.

APPROVED

6.4 Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5)

Superintendent Forsyth-Sells, presented feedback received from the vetting process and highlighted amendments to the Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5) following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Policy Committee recommended the following additional amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- No amendment

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- No amendment

Moved by Trustee Burtnik

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the February 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting to approve the revisions to the Student Expulsion – Safe Schools Policy (302.6.5), as presented.

APPROVED

6.5 Catholic Leadership: Principal & Vice-Principal Selection Policy (202.2)

Frank Iannantuono, Superintendent of Education, presented feedback received from the vetting process and highlighted amendments to the Catholic Leadership; Principal & Vice-Principal Selection Policy (202.2) following the vetting process.

Following discussion, the Policy Committee recommended the Catholic Leadership; Principal & Vice-Principal Selection Policy be referred to the February 2017 Policy Committee Meeting.

POLICIES - PRIOR TO VETTING

6.6 Trustee Honorarium Policy (100.11)

John Crocco, Director of Education, presented the Trustee Honorarium Policy (100.11).

The Policy Committee suggested the following amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT

- Paragraph 5 – change “*annual December Board Meeting*” to “*annual Organizational Meeting of the Board*”.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- No amendments

The Policy Committee requested that the Trustee Honorarium Policy, be vetted from February 1, 2017 to March 9, 2017 with a recommended deadline for presentation to the Policy Committee in March, 2017, for consideration to the Committee of the Whole and Board in April, 2017.

INFORMATION

6.7 Policies Currently Being Vetted to February 15, 2017

- Catholic School Councils Policy (800.1)

6.8 Policy and Guideline Review 2016-2017 Schedule

Director Crocco presented the Policy and Guideline Review 2017-2017 Schedule.

7. Date of Next Meeting

February 28, 2017 – Start time to be determined and posted on the Board website and agenda cover sheet.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.