



"Accepting the Challenge"

Policy Review Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 – 11:30 a.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: K. Sumner (Chairperson), P. Bartlette,
Dr. D. Michaels.

Regrets: G. Kruck, K. Zabowski.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Policy Review Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by the Chairperson Trustee Sumner.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Sumner requested discussions be held regarding the possible rescheduling of the next two Committee meetings. The agenda was approved as amended.

4. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee Minutes of January 3, 2012 were received as information.

5. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

A) Continuation of Review of Board Policies using the Six Principles of Policy 1001.1 – "Equity".

The Committee agreed Senior Administration would continue to bring forth any policies which required the Committee's immediate attention, as it relates to equity.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

a) Policy Regarding Private Sponsorship

Trustee Karnes requested, with Board consent, that the Policy Review Committee review current Division policy regarding sponsorship or create policy guidelines regarding sponsorship from local businesses or professional organizations. This matter was discussed in detail. The Committee agreed there was a need to develop policy and procedures regarding obtaining private sponsorship for such items as playground equipment, scoreboard clocks, and music equipment. It was further agreed such a policy would need to follow the six principles of equity noted in Policy 1001.1. The need for a legal opinion on this matter was discussed in detail. Trustees also reviewed various policies on sponsorship from other Manitoba School Divisions.

It was agreed that before developing any policy and procedure of sponsorship, Senior Administration was directed to obtain a legal opinion regarding this matter; as well as the use of a professional fundraiser. It was agreed Senior Administration would begin to draft procedures for private and corporate sponsorship without violating the key premises of public education. It was further agreed the Trustees would work together to develop a policy statement which would reflect the Board's underlying values and principles in this area. The Committee noted they would continue to work on this matter.

b) Policy and Procedures 4001 – “Off-Site Activities”

The Committee continued to review Policy and Procedures 4001 – “Off-Site Activities”. Senior Administration was directed to obtain input from school principals regarding any concerns they may have with respect to this policy and procedure. Senior Administration was asked to report on these consultations no later than the April Committee Meeting.

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

- It was agreed that discussions regarding a possible policy on Social Media as well as Policy and Procedures 4001 – “Off-Site Activities”, as noted above, would be referred to the next BSD/BTA Liaison Committee Meeting.
- It was agreed that the March and April Committee meetings would be moved from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month.

8. NEXT MEETING: 11:30 a.m. - Wednesday, March 7, 2012, Board Room

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K Sumner, Chair

P. Bartlette

G. Kruck

M. Sefton (Alternate)