



"Accepting the Challenge"

Policy Review Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.
Conference Room, Administration Office

Present: D. Karnes, B. Jolly (alternate), Dr. D. Michaels, G. Barnes.
Regrets: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), J. Murray.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Trustee Karnes assumed the position of Chairperson in the absence of Trustee Bartlette. The Policy Review Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Acting-Chairperson, Trustee Karnes.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Policy Review Committee Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009 MINUTES

Trustee Karnes referenced the November 24, 2009 Minutes.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

a) **POLICY 1001.2 – Educational Sustainability in Student Achievement**

This matter was brought forward from the previous Committee meeting. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels noted the changes previously requested by the Committee had been included in the revised draft of the proposed policy. Discussions were held regarding the need to emphasize improvement in student achievement and the presentation to be made by A. Kuryliw, Division Coordinator of Research and Evaluation regarding student achievement for the 2008-2009 school year to date. It was noted that the proposed draft policy is being developed to work in connection with the proposed equity policy. The Committee asked questions with respect to what would happen if the Division does not reach their goal of 80%; how students will be measured to determine if they have reached the stated goal; the use of technology and reading comprehension in reaching the stated goal; as well as professional development required to help students reach their full learning potential. It was noted that it is up to the Board of Trustees to ask the question "Why?" if the proposed goals are not met by students in the Division. The Committee referenced the MSBA document discussing the "Seven Conditions for School Renewal Central to Achievement". Senior Administration is working to have the policy in place for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Agreed:

It was agreed the next step is for the Superintendent to consult with school principals regarding the proposed draft policy before bringing the policy back to the Policy Review Committee. It was further agreed that a page of definitions would be added to the policy for clarification purposes.

b) **DEVELOPMENT OF EQUITY POLICY**

This matter was deferred until next meeting for discussion with all Committee members.

c) HARRISON MIDDLE SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

This matter was brought forward from the Single Track French Immersion Steering Committee meeting held on December 2, 2009. The Committee reviewed Policy 9058 – “Naming and Renaming of Division Facilities”. Discussions were held and it was agreed to keep the name “Harrison” and add the word “Ecolé”.

Recommendation:

That the name of the Single Track French Immersion School, to be implemented beginning the 2010-2011 school year, remain as “Ecolé Harrison”.

6. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

D. Karnes

J. Murray

B. Jolly (Alternate)