



BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

Policy Review Committee Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2013, 11:00 a.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: G. Kruck (Chairperson), K. Sumner, M. Sefton, (Alternate),
Dr. D. Michaels, Mr. D. Labossiere.

Regrets: J. Murray

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Policy Review Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Committee Chairperson, Glen Kruck.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee agenda was approved as circulated.

3. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of October 21, 2013 were received as information. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, confirmed that the amended Policy 1001 – Foundations and Commitments would be reviewed with the school principals at the next Learning Support Services meeting to be held on November 19, 2013.

Trustee Sefton requested an update on the consultation process for the Scent Free Policy. The Committee confirmed they would like to have the consultation completed and a set of procedures approved and implemented before the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, noted she would work with staff to begin the consultation process. In the meantime, signs were to be made through the Workplace Safety and Health Officer for each worksite to help create awareness of the policy.

4. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL

5. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS.

a) Review of Booster Seat Legislation

The new Booster Seat legislation was discussed. It was noted that “casual and occasional transportation by a person who is not the parent of the child/children and where the vehicle is not equipped with a child-restraining device” is exempt from the new legislation. The Committee felt that this exemption could be applied to the division when casual and occasional transportation is required.

b) Provincial Regulation – Bill 18 – Provision of Appropriate Student Disciplinary Consequences.

Superintendent, Dr. Michaels, reviewed the solicitor's opinion with respect to this matter. Discussions were held regarding the requirement for 24 hour notice to be provided to Trustees and what information would be included in the information provided. The Superintendent clarified the current process for the Committee noting the paperwork involved and the information provided. Discussions were held regarding the possibility of the Division solicitor attending a Committee meeting to discuss the matter further. The Committee also suggested that the matter be referred to the MSBA Resolutions Committee asking that the timelines noted in the legislation be revisited. It was agreed that a report, possibly in the form of an excel spreadsheet, be included in the Trustee Conference on the BSD Portal. The information would be updated daily with respect to student suspensions by the Office of the Superintendent. It would be the responsibility of Trustees as to how often they reviewed the information provided through the conference.

c) Policy Review – Section 8

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

7. OPERATIONS INFORMATION

- Follow-up on Bill 18:

Excerpt from Board Meeting March 25th 2013:

"36/2013 That the Brandon School Division supports the intent of Bill 18, including the provision that would allow students to establish and lead organizations that use the term gay-straight alliance.

Discussions were held regarding the work which has currently being done in this area, together with the consultations conducted by the Education Committee. It was agreed once this Bill has been approved by the Government, the Policy Review Committee should begin looking at further policy development in this area."

Due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 16, 2013, 11:00 a.m., Board Room

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Kruck, Chair

J. Murray

K. Sumner

M. Sefton (Alternate)