



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

## Policy Review Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Office

Present: P. Bartlette, P. Bowslaugh, S. Bambridge, (Alternate), G. Buri (Chairperson), Dr. D. Michaels.

Regrets: D. Labossiere.

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Policy Review Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Committee Chair George Buri.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee agenda was approved as circulated.

### 4. PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

The Minutes of March 17, 2015 were received as information.

### 5. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

#### A) Sponsorship Policy and Procedures

Trustee Buri and Trustee Bambridge noted that they felt the information provided regarding the Vancouver School Board Sponsorship policy was the most precise and succinct. Trustees would like a policy that gives clarity and equity to sponsorship. Trustee Bartlette spoke on businesses receiving recognition for time and money given, and it was also noted that some do not wish to receive recognition for their donations. Sponsorship vs fundraising vs solicitation was discussed.

Trustees reviewed the Vancouver School Board Sponsorship Policy Guidelines. Trustee Buri suggested this document be reviewed and things be noted to keep/remove/edit.

Trustees reviewed the Vancouver School Board Sponsorship Goal. Dr. Michaels noted a few wording changes to show the Division is 'outward focused'. Dr. Michaels spoke of advocacy and Trustee Bartlette spoke on equity. The Committee agreed that the Board should advocate to the community for those things they believe to be inequitable. A staff member – possibly a Divisional Vice-Principal – delegated to this advocacy work in the future was discussed. This work would support the community and provide education meant to advocate and advance.

Dr. Michaels was asked to write up a draft Procedure for the Sponsorship Policy and bring this information back to the committee at the next Committee meeting.

## **6 OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

### **A) French Immersion Schools Registration**

Registration at École Harrison was discussed. Trustee Buri noted that some parents are unable to take part in waiting in line, and additionally, the school Principal had to put in extra time. A lottery registration system was discussed, and it was noted that there would be no changes to the current process of automatically accepting siblings of students already attending École Harrison. Trustee Buri spoke on the need for a fair and equitable registration process, and felt that there cannot be a change in process without a consultation.

The Committee felt that there should be an evening Public Consultation in the Fall re: registration. Present the various options and listen to feedback. The Committee agreed that teachers who want school of choice for their child have to go through the same process as everyone else.

Policy 1021: Consultations was discussed by Dr. Michaels. There are three (3) choices with regards to holding a consultation:

- 1) Wide range community group
- 2) Smaller group
- 3) Advisory committee

Dr. Michaels recommended the Committee goes to a large community group. The Committee agreed to schedule a consultation in September and that the consultation is held at Riverheights School. The date of September 23 was discussed as a possibility for the consultation. Current process and registration period will be discussed.

## **7. GOVERNANCE INFORMATION**

### **A) One way to Govern: Sociocracy**

The One Way to Govern: Sociocracy article, written by John Buck of the Netherlands, was reviewed. Dr. Michaels noted that there are several aspects of Sociocracy that the Board is currently doing. The article covered a number of points:

- Why Organizations Exist
- Why Boards Exist
- What the Relationship Between Boards and Their Employees Should be Based Upon
- How Boards, Board Officers, and Their Staff Delegates Can Best Approach Their Jobs

There are three key practices underlying the sociocratic method: circles, double linking, and consent decision making.

Dr. Michaels spoke on the School Board's relationship with the community and noted that sociocracy has a number of component including an outward looking vision. Brandon School Division's Vision has not been reviewed since 1998 and needs to be re-done. Dr. Michaels stated that in a sociocracy the whole Board makes the decision – no one is ignored.

**B) Other:**

The Scent/Fragrance Free Policy 1023 was discussed. Procedures are required as there are no steps in place if someone breaks the scent policy. It was suggested that the RHA and City of Brandon policies/procedures be reviewed.

**8. NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 15, 2015, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom**

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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G. Buri, Chair

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P. Bartlette

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P. Bowslaugh

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