BOARD OF EDUCATION

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 3, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

**Board Representatives:**

Pattie Desjardins Trustee Chair

Wendy Colman-Lawley Trustee Committee Member

Wendy Clark Trustee Alternate Committee Member

Andrea Hensen Trustee Non-Voting Observer

Linda Kerr Trustee Non-Voting Observer

**Special Guest:**

Anne Cooper Consultant

**Committee Representatives:**

Greg Lawley Principal FCPVPA

Wade Peary Principal FCPVPA

**District Staff:**

Balan Moorthy Superintendent

Gerry Slykhuis Secretary Treasurer

Renge Bailie Assistant Superintendent

Crystal Medlock Executive Secretary

Deb McKinney Executive Secretary

**Regrets:**

April Hendrickson IEC

Shannon Dobson CMAW

Lynne Marvell Union President FCTA

Megan Kempenaar Teacher FCTA

1. **Call to Order and Acknowledgment**

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm via Zoom conference call. Trustee Pattie Desjardins acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the shared territory of the Cheam, Sts’ailes, Sq’éwlets, Sq’éwqel, Shxw’ōwhámél, Seabird Island, Nlaka’pamux and Chawathil people.

1. **Approval of Agenda – December 3, 2024**

**COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS**

THAT the agenda of the Policy Development Committee meeting held on December 3, 2024, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes – November 5, 2024**

**COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS**

THAT the minutes of the Policy Development Committee meeting held on November 5, 2024, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. Drafts up for review:

5.1 Policy 2.20 Anti-Discrimination Policy

Based on feedback from the previous meeting, the proposed name for Policy 2.20 has been updated to *Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*. Anne went over the policy with the committee, and some additions were made to include additional language around disabilities and anti-ableism. The committee has agreed that Policy 2.20 is ready to be sent to the Board of Education for circulation and feedback from our stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/LAWLEY

THAT the Policy Advisory Committee recommends Policy 2.20 – Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – be sent to the Board of Education for consideration for the policy to be circulated and receive feedback from our stakeholders.

Carried

5.2 Policy 1.21 Duties of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair

After Anne reviewed the policy and some minor edits were made, the

committee felt that Policy 1.21 – Duties of the Board Chair and Vice-chair - was ready to be sent to the Board of Education for circulation and feedback from our stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Advisory Committee recommends Policy 1.21 – Duties of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair – be sent to the Board of Education for consideration for the policy to be circulated and receive feedback from our stakeholders.

Carried

5.3 Policy 1.80 Trustee Professional Engagement & Learning

After some discussion, the BCSTA Academy was added to the list of events/Pro-D and the budget amounts were adjusted to reflect this change. After these changes, the committee felt the policy was ready to be sent to the Board of Education for circulation and feedback from our stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Advisory Committee recommends Policy 1.80 – Trustee Professional Engagement & Learning – be sent to the Board of Education for consideration for the policy to be circulated and receive feedback from our stakeholders.

Carried

5.4 Policy 1.71 Reimbursement for Expenses

After review with Anne the committee wanted to recommend Policy 1.71 – Policy Reimbursement for Expenses be sent to the Board of Education for circulation and feedback from our stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Advisory Committee recommends Policy 1.71 – Policy Reimbursement for Expenses – be sent to the Board of Education for consideration for the policy to be circulated and receive feedback from our stakeholders.

Carried

. 5.5 Policy 1.90 Board Performance Review

Discussion ensued and it was decided to include resources offered by BCSTA as part of the policy. After this change, the committee agreed that Policy 1.90 was ready to be sent to the Board of Education for circulation and feedback from our stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Advisory Committee recommends Policy 1.91 – Duties of the Board Chair and Vice-Chair – be sent to the Board of Education for consideration for the policy to be circulated and receive feedback from our stakeholders.

**Carried**

1. Questions/Comments – There were no additional questions or comments.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2025 - 4:30-6:00 pm

Via Zoom conference call

ADJOURNMENT

DESJARDINS/

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 pm