BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 4, 2025**

**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 4:32 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 – February 4, 2025**

**DESJARDINS/COLMAN-LAWLEY**

THAT the agenda of the Policy Committee meeting held on February 4, 2025, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes – January 14, 2025**

**DESJARDINS/LAWLEY**

THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on January 14, 2025, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. Anne introduced us to the organization of Policy Section 2.00 – in this section there are 7 unique policies; 4 of the 7 are already in progress/completed due to urgency or Ministry guidelines that required we have them in place.
2. Drafts up for review:

5.1 (NEW) Policy 2.10 Truth and Reconciliation

Anne suggested the committee consider saving a placeholder policy number for a Truth and Reconciliation Policy. After discussion, the committee agreed regarding the importance of incorporating Policy 2.10 Truth and Reconciliation into our list of District Policies

The committee agreed to recommend to the Board to send a sample of a potential new policy seeking the input of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) to help develop the new policy.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy 2.10 – Truth and Reconciliation – be considered as a new policy in our district and to seek the input of the IEC to help develop the new policy.

Carried

5.2 Policy 2.50 Parent Engagement

Anne suggested we combine related Policies 5000 – School Advisory Council and 5002 – District Parent Advisory Council – and call the combined policy 2.50 Parent Engagement.

After Anne reviewed the policy, the committee worked together to make some edits to make it easier to understand the role and responsibilities held by District and Parent Advisory Councils in our District. Anne suggested we continue to make mention of the BCCPAC Leadership Manual in the policy but that brought up some questions regarding PAC/DPAC Constitutions and if the constitution language supersedes District Policy, which refers to BCCPAC Leadership Manual, particularly in the area of conflict of interest.

Following discussion and edits, the committee felt that Policy 2.50 – Parent Engagement - was ready to be sent to the Board of Education for Public Notice and Comment from our Stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy 2.50 – Parent Engagement be authorized for consultation and circulated for a thirty-day period for public comment and feedback. Further, that the Board consider asking for clarification regarding conflict of interest from BCCPAC.

Carried

5.3 Policy 2.60 Partnerships, Corporate Sponsorships and Donations

Anne went over potential updates to Policy 5055 – previously known as Formal Business/Education Partnerships.

Discussion ensued around this policy because we are a rural community that counts on community and corporate partnerships, sponsorships and donations to make a difference in our small communities.

We have to be very careful not to use limiting language that would mean our schools no longer receive funding/donated product. The hope with this policy is that it will give our Principals the judgement to decide what is in the best interest of the students.

After these changes, the committee felt the policy was ready to be sent to the Board of Education for Public Notice and Comment from our Stakeholders.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy 2.60 – Partnerships, Corporate Sponsorships and Donations be authorized for consultation and for the policy to be circulated for a thirty-day period for public comment and feedback.

Carried

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 from 4:30-6:00 pm

Via Zoom conference call

ADJOURNMENT

DESJARDINS/

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:03 pm