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BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY COMMITTEE

December 1, 2026 @ 4:30pm
Via Zoom Video Conference

AGENDA

	Agenda Item	Reference	Presenter
	Part 1 – Policy Committee Administration (10 mins)		
1.	Call to Order and Acknowledgement		Balan Moorthy
2.	Election of Chair		Voting Committee Members
3.	Approval of Agenda		Chair
4.	Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting		Chair
5.	**Review Policy Committee Meeting Schedule Dates:** • December 1, 2026 • January 26, 2027 • March 2, 2027 • April 27, 2027		Chair
6.	Review Policy Committee Terms of Reference		Chair
7.	Policy Renovation Project Accomplishments – for information		Balan Moorthy

	Agenda Item	Reference	Presenter
8.	Draft Policy for Discussion at this meeting: **6.20 - Funding Requests** • this policy was referred back to the Policy Committee at the June 16, 2026 Board of Education Meeting		Gerry Slykhuis
9.	Policy 2.70 – Use of Board Property for Child Care • The Superintendent to provide an update on the status of this Policy from the November 9, 2026 Early Learning & Childcare Committee • Please refer to the extract from the Early Learning & Childcare Committee November 9, 2026 meeting minutes included in the Policy Committee Package.		Balan Moorthy
10.	Questions & Comments		
11.	New Business		

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Next Meeting: **January 26, 2027**

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 12, 2026

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

Pattie Desjardins	Trustee	Chair
Wendy Colman-Lawley	Trustee	Committee Member

Special Guest:

Anne Cooper		Consultant

Committee Representatives:

Bernard Klop	Representative	FCPVPA
Greg Lawley	Representative	FCPVPA
Belle Peters-Lepitre	Representative	Student
Coira Norwood	Representative	Student

District Staff:

Balan Moorthy	Superintendent
Gerry Slykhuis	Secretary-Treasurer
Renge Bailie	Assistant Superintendent
Deb McKinney	Executive Secretary
Antigone Snider	Executive Secretary

Observers:

Wendy Clark	Trustee
Andrea Hensen	Trustee
Linda Kerr	Trustee

Regrets:

Lynne Marvell	Representative	FCTA
Jen Riley	Representative	DPAC
Vacant	Representative	FCTA
Vacant	Representative	CMAW
Vacant	Representative	CMAW
Vacant	Representative	DPAC
Vacant	Representative	IEC
Vacant	Representative	IEC

1. **<u>Call to Order and Acknowledgment</u>**
   The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm via Zoom conference call. The Chair 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.

2. **Approval of Agenda – May 12, 2026**

DESJARDINS/COLMAN-LAWLEY

THAT the agenda of the Policy Committee meeting for May 12, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2026**

DESJARDINS/COLMAN-LAWLEY

THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on April 7, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

4. **Drafts for Discussion:**

The following three (3) draft policies were put forward for review by the Policy Committee:

6.80 Student Transportation
4.10 Staff Expectations
3.70 Learning Resources

Draft Policy 6.80 – Student Transportation
The Consultant provided an overview of the work to date and where discussions concluded at the previous Policy Committee meeting on April 7, 2026. The Consultant reviewed the Eligible Riders and Ineligible Riders sections and the Courtesy Riders section to highlight where updates to the language were made by the Consultant following the previous meeting. The Committee discussed the criteria for all three sections ensuring there is coherence, clarity and transparency between each category of rider. After reviewing the revised policy and updating the syntax, there were no further questions.

DESJARDINS/COLMAN-LAWLEY

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 6.80 Student Transportation be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

Draft Policy 4.10 – Staff Expectations
The Consultant provided an overview on the work to date and where discussions concluded at the previous Policy Committee meeting on April 7, 2026. The Consultant reviewed the Post Employment Obligations section and the Committee also suggested a change to the heading to "Employment Obligations". The Committee agreed to include language regarding leaves of absence as well as departures. The Consultant advised there would be an administrative procedure in place to detail specific processes. The

Consultant reviewed the section on General Conduct and provided updated language which did not specify professional boundaries but rather "boundaries" to ensure a broader understanding of work related boundaries. The Consultant reviewed the criteria and language regarding "Conflict of Interest".

The Committee discussed scenarios to ensure coherence, clarity and transparency between each point. The Consultant reviewed the remaining sections: Drug Use, Attendance, and Political Participation. The Committee discussed the criteria and language regarding political participation and added language to include local and union related political activities as possible areas for a conflict. The Committee recommended adding a reference to the Human Rights Code in the footer of the document. After reviewing the revised policy and updating the syntax, there were no further questions.

DESJARDINS/COLMAN-LAWLEY

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 4.10 Staff Expectations be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

Draft Policy 3.70 Learning Resources

The Consultant updated the Committee and explained that the Harris and Co. has suggested Districts adopt a policy regarding Learning Resources. The Consultant advised the Committee that the existing language is updated and streamlined. The Consultant advised the policy will be accompanied by an administrative procedure. The Superintendent emphasized the administrative procedure will require in depth detailed work to support the Policy's objectives. There were no further questions.

DESJARDINS/KLOP
THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 3.70 Learning Resources be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

As this was the last Committee meeting with the Consultant present and for the year, the Consultant thanked the Committee for the opportunity to work with them over the past thirty (30) months on the Policy Renovation Project. The Superintendent thanked the consultant for their support and commitment to the project as well as their expertise and leadership.

Policy 2.70 – Use of Board Property for Child Care

The Superintendent advised the policy will need updating to reflect operational needs and improved community consultation as well as address the anticipated upcoming Ministerial Order when it comes through.

The Superintendent recommended the newly formed "Early Learning and Child Care Administrative Committee" be tasked with the initial policy review and then refer the revised draft policy to the Policy committee later in the fall 2026 for review with the aim

of referring the revised policy to the Board of Education. The Committee agreed this was the optimal approach. There were no further questions.

5. **Questions & Comments** - Nil

6. **New Business** - Nil

Next Meeting: December 1, 2026
Via Zoom conference call

ADJOURNMENT

DESJARDINS
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:50 pm

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POLICY COMMITTEE

NATURE OF COMMITTEE

Standing Committee of the Board

PURPOSE

The Board of Education recognizes and accepts its responsibility to approve policy. The Board values consultation as an important part of policy development.

The Policy Committee will consider and make recommendations to the Board regarding changes to Board Policy. The committee will reflect upon any area of policy but will not engage in Board Bylaw development or revisions.

DELIVERABLES

The Policy Committee will:

1. Provide feedback regarding policy revisions.
2. Consider feedback and advice from representative groups regarding policy drafts.
3. Provide input regarding minor amendments to existing policy.
4. Ensure that there are no accessibility barriers within or due to the policies.
5. Identify policies that are no longer current and would be suitable for repeal.

TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES	School District No. 78 Trustees (2 plus an alternate)
CHAIRPERSON	A Trustee will serve as Chair, through an election by the committee
RIGHTSHOLDER AND PARTNER REPRESENTATIVES	Construction Maintenance & Allied Workers 2423 (2) District Parent Advisory Council (2) Fraser Cascade Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (2) Fraser Cascade Teachers' Association (2) Indigenous Education Council (2) Secondary Students (2)
APPOINTMENT	The Chair of the Board will determine Trustee representatives in accordance with Policy 1.50 Board Committees. Rightsholder and partner representatives are identified by the organization.
DECISION MAKING	Discussion sufficient to determine a consensus to make a recommendation to the Board.

References: Policy 1.60 – Policy Development and Policy 1.50 – Board Committees
Approval date: 2024-11-12

QUORUM	One trustee and three rightsholders and partner representatives
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP	Secretary Treasurer Superintendent Assistant Superintendent
SECRETARIAT SUPPORT	Executive Assistant to the Secretary Treasurer
MEETINGS	Meetings will be scheduled four times per year, or as needed due to workload.
AGENDAS	Agendas with supporting materials will be circulated to the committee and representative groups, four days in advance of each meeting.
MINUTES	Minutes of committee meetings, detailing any specific recommendations, will be prepared and provided to the Board at a regular Board meeting.
BUDGET	None

REPORTING MECHANISM

The committee is advisory in nature and may make recommendations to the Board through the chair of the committee.

Policy Renovation Project Accomplishments

Presenter: Gerry Slykhuis

Policy Committee

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Policy Renovation Project

Overview/Purpose:

September 16, 2023 – Board of Education Decision

Following the 2023 Summer Trustee retreat, the Board of Education announced a Policy renovation Project and hired a consultant, Anne Cooper to oversee a comprehensive review of the District's policies.

The purpose of the Policy Renovation Project was:

- to reduce the overlap between existing policies and ensure compliance with current Provincial Acts, Ministerial Orders and Education mandates.
- ensure the updated policies had the corresponding Administrative Procedures in place.
- provide updated language particularly as is relates to inclusivity.
- ensure policies effectively manage operational risks and provide clear expectations for Board Members, Staff, Students and Parents/Caregivers.

Policy Renovation Project Accomplishments:

The Policy Renovation Project was in effect from September 26, 2023 to May 12, 2026 (3 years)

The review accomplished the following:

- The Consultant, Policy Committee and the Board reviewed approximately 88 existing policies over this period. Old policies were repealed outright, or repealed and replaced with either a new policy or an administrative procedure
- The project consolidated the inventory of 88 policies into 36 newly approved policies; and
- Assigned policies which required an Administrative Procedure are now cross referenced with a specific policy, inventoried and numbered as well.

Policy Renovation Project Accomplishments:

The new Policies were organized into the following categories:

1. Board Governance
2. Expectations, Relationships and Engagement
3. Students, Instruction & School Operations
4. Human Resources
5. Health & Safety
6. Finance, Facilities & Transportation

QUESTIONS?

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Policy Committee
6.20 Funding Requests

Presenter: Gerry Slykhuis

Policy Committee

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Timeline of Policy 6.20 – Funding Requests:

April 7, 2026 Policy Committee meeting:

- Reviewed new policy requested by the Board of Education
- Purpose is to ensure public funds are used for the intended educational purposes
- Policy is intended to apply when the entity requesting the funding is the lead for the initiative rather than the District
- Policy language emphasizes the need for the funding request to have a direct link to the Board of Education's Strategic Plan, and clarifies expectations for positive student impacts and outcomes.

April 21, 2026 Board of Education meeting:

- The Board of Education approved the Policy for the 30 day public feedback

April 22, 2026 to May 27th 2026

- Policy was circulated for public feedback.

June 16, 2026

- Policy 6.20 was submitted to the Board of Education for final approval. The Board of Education requested Policy 6.20 be referred back to the Policy Committee for further review.

QUESTIONS?

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POLICY 6.20 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to ensure that public funds are used for their intended educational purposes, that resources are not allocated for discretionary giving outside the Board's core mandate, and that Trustees uphold their accountability to taxpayers through transparent and purpose-aligned financial decision-making.

The Board of Education may consider requests for funding from outside organizations to support initiatives within the communities the district serves.

In considering such requests, the Board may apply the following criteria, in no priority order:

- Clear and direct alignment with the Board's strategic plan.
- Direct, positive impact to students served by the district.
- Whether the Board has sufficient funds available, as determined at the Board's sole discretion.
- The merits of the project itself, considered independently of any previous Board investments in that or other projects.

This policy applies to requests from outside organizations for direct cash contributions from the Board of Education. It does not apply to partnership arrangements or other collaborative agreements between the Board and external organizations, that deliver programs or services to students.

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Related Legislation: School Act Section 177
Related Contract Article: Nil
Adopted: 1997-11-25
Amended: 2005-01-25; 2011-11-01; 2021-03-30

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EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2026
Time: 4:03 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
Location: New District Building

Attendees:

- Balan Moorthy
- Talia Ritz (Chair)
- Linda Kerr (School Board)
- Laurel Loring (SD78 Staff, Guest)
- Amanda Lasser (CMAW)
- Tim Ji (Agassiz-Harrison Childcare & Fraser-Cascade Childcare Society)
- Dana Brocklehurst (CCRR)
- Andrea Hensen (School Board)
- Robyn Bodnar (DPAC)
- Kim Ferguson (Parent)
- Kim Stanway (Secretary)

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1. Opening and Meeting Business

- Quorum confirmed.
- Agenda adopted.
- September 14, 2026 meeting minutes approved.
- Motion to adopt September minutes carried by Laurel Loring; seconded by Kim Ferguson.

Childcare Enrolment Update

- Silver Creek childcare enrolment remains low.
- Harrison before- and after-school care has approximately 36-38 children.
- Coquihalla program currently serves 36 children, with licensed capacity increased to 60

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2. Terms of Reference and Representation

Committee members reviewed and proposed revisions to Policy 2.70
Discussions focused on:

Key Recommendations

- Include language regarding affordable childcare in guiding principles (#6).
- Ensure services reflect community needs and demographics.
- Consider preference for not-for-profit providers where appropriate.

- Increase transparency regarding direct and indirect costs charged to operators. (#7)
- Include inflationary and future operating costs when evaluating lease arrangements.
- Clarify the requirement that childcare providers maintain licensing through the appropriate regulatory authority (e.g., Fraser Health). (#9.9)
- Require operators, specifically owners, to engage and collaborate with the Committee.
- Strengthen parent and community engagement processes.
- Conduct community surveys every 18 months rather than every three years.
- Reference ongoing review on status of care through community engagement processes. (#10.4)
- Ensure inclusive childcare practices and collaboration with external support services, including Seabird Island representatives.

Community Consultation

- Members emphasized the importance of consulting parents currently enrolled in childcare programs.
- Dana Brocklehurst offered support in developing and distributing community surveys through the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) network.

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3. Provider Transition Update: ILM to Fraser-Cascade Childcare Society

- Balan Moorthy reported that the transition from ILM is underway and remaining matters are being finalized

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4. Childcare Transition: Anticipated Dates and Service Disruption

Transition Timeline

- Fraser-Cascade Childcare Society is expected to assume operations on November 30, 2026.
- Services are anticipated to reopen December 14, 2026, pending licensing approval.

Staffing

- Existing childcare staff currently employed by ILM have been offered opportunity to apply for positions with Agassiz-Harrison Childcare/Fraser-Cascade Childcare Society.

Service Continuity

- Concerns were raised regarding disruption at Silver Creek during the transition period.
- Transportation options, including bussing to Coquihalla programs, were discussed.
- Communication with families was identified as a priority.
- Silver Creek Principal may distribute information letters outlining timelines and program changes.

Fees and Funding

- Updated fee schedules for Agassiz-Harrison/Fraser-Cascade Childcare have been distributed to current families.