



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS - BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Policy Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 4:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee L. Tiede, Chairperson
Trustee A. Geistlinger, Committee Member
Trustee J. Fraser, Committee Member
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee M. Baxter

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Dr. Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction – Student Support Services
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant

Partner Groups: Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President
Lori Dawson Bedard, COTA 1st Vice-President
Shelley Yost, CUPE Clerical/Library Shop Steward
There were no representatives from Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association or District Student Council.

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held
the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

AGENDA

New Item 6.7 - Amendments to Policy 706 - District Student Council and Regulations 706R -
District Student Council (*Regulations*)

February 5, 2020 Committee Agenda - approved as amended.

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Policy Committee Public Meeting Report - December 4, 2019

December 4, 2019 Committee Report - received as distributed.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Nicole Barker, Parent of Student at Chute Lake Elementary School, requested that the members of the Committee review the Anaphylaxis-Life Threatening Allergies Handbook as prepared by the Surrey School District (No. 36) as well as Policy 304 and Administrative Procedures 304 of the Vancouver School District (No. 39).

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 405 - Student Placement and Regulations 405R - Student Placement (*Regulations*)

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO confirmed that the amendments to Policy 405 – Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*) are the addition of reference to French Immersion Programs catchment areas. The Committee discussed the updating of the language within the Policy and Regulations.

Outcome:

THAT: The recommended amendments to Policy 405 - Student Placement and Regulations 405R – Student Placement (*Regulations*) be deferred to the next Policy Committee Meeting for further discussion.

Amendments to Policy 386 - Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

The suggested amendments to Policy 386 – Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication are to reflect the evolution of the network and to bring the terminology up to date. The suggested amendments came forth to the Policy Committee from the District Principal – Learning Technology. The Committee recommended a few wording updates.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 386 - Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication, as attached to the Agenda, and as further amended at the February 5, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

Amendments to Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

The suggested amendments to Policy 486 – Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication are to reflect the evolution of the network and to bring the terminology up to date. The Committee discussed the removal of the reference to signing of the Student Network Account Agreement on an annual basis which would provide understanding that compliance is a condition of access. Portions of the new curriculum are accessed through technology and therefore use of the network services is required. The expectations of student use of technology could be included within School Codes of Conduct and brought forward to the attention of students and parents at the beginning of each school year. The following statement is to be added under Consequences:

Each school's Code of Conduct will include the expectations regarding student use of digital technologies and will be brought to parents/students' attention at the beginning of every school year or upon registration. Use of network services and digital technologies which violates the terms outlined in policy and/or the School's Code of Conduct may result in serious consequences including definite or indefinite suspensions and/or police intervention.

Outcome:

THAT: The recommended amendments to Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication, along with the suggested amendments at the February 5, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting, be referred to partner groups for consultation/feedback.

New Policy 437 - Managing Students with Diabetes and New Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (Regulations)

In attendance: Dr. Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction – Student Support Services

New Policy 437 – Managing Students with Diabetes and new Regulations 437R – Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*) were prepared in accordance with Ministry requirements to have a Policy in place to ensure consistency in responses by school staff.

Outcome:

THAT: New Policy 437 - Managing Students with Diabetes and new Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

Amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity

The Committee reviewed the amendments to the Policy which is the addition of reference to the reporting of criminal activity or for matters of serious concern which may affect the School District or which could be deemed as actions detrimental to students and staff.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity, as attached to the Agenda, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function: Policy 168 - Policy Committee

In accordance with Policy 141 – School District Committees: "*District Committees shall be reviewed annually in accordance with this Policy and/or other Policies*" the Committee reviewed Policy 168 – Policy Committee

Outcome:

THAT: The Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Education affirm Policy 168 - Policy Committee, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 5, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting.

Amendments to Policy 706 – District Student Council and Regulations 706R – District Student Council (Regulations)

The amendments to Policy 706 – District Student Council and Regulations 706R – District Student Council (*Regulations*) are the removal of information from the Regulations that is too prescriptive, and to include the formation of a set of Bylaws for the District Student Council. The recommendation is for a copy of the Bylaws to be kept with the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Outcome:

THAT: The amendments to Policy 706 - District Student Council and Regulations 706R - District Student Council (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda, be forwarded to the Board of Education for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Future Public Board Meeting

- Amendments to Policy 386 - Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication
- New Policy 437 - Managing Students with Diabetes and new Regulations 437R - Managing Students with Diabetes (*Regulations*)
- Amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity

- Affirmation of Policy 168 - Policy Committee
- Amendments to Policy 706 - District Student Council and Regulations 706R - District Student Council (*Regulations*)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Review of Central Okanagan Public Schools Policies (in relation to the Board of Education) relative to School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) Policies
- Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality
- Amendments to Policy 480 – Raising the Bar: The Three-Year Rule, Deletion of Appendix 480A – Application for Exemption of the Three-Year Rule, Deletion of Appendix 480A – Appeal of Decision to Deny Three-Year Rule Exemption Application – feedback from Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council.
- Amendments to Policy 650 – Public Use of School Facilities and Amendments to Regulations 650R – Public Use of School Facilities (*Regulations*) – feedback from partner groups
- Amendments to Policy 351 – Respectful Workplace and Regulations 351R – Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*) – recommendation from the Ad Hoc Policy Committee
- Amendments to Policy 625 – Sites, Facility and Equipment Enhancements – recommendation from the Ad Hoc Policy Committee
- Amendments to Policy 436 – Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions and Regulations 436R – Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions (*Regulations*)
- Amendments to Policy 220 – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer and Regulations 220R – Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer
- Amendments to Policy 405 - Student Placement and Regulations 405R - Student Placement (*Regulations*)
- Amendments to Policy 486 - Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication - consultation/feedback with partner groups

FUTURE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

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Lee-Ann Tiede, Chairperson