BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 23, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

**Board Representatives:**

 Linda Kerr Trustee Chair

 Wendy Clark Trustee

**Committee Representatives:**

Rosalee Floyd Principal FCPVPA

Greg Lawley Principal FCPVPA

Frankie Spear-Beauchamp Student Rep HSS

**District Staff:**

 Balan Moorthy Superintendent

Gerry Slykhuis Secretary Treasurer

 Renge Bailie Assistant Superintendent

 Crystal Medlock Executive Secretary

**Regrets:**

Misty Dowson Teacher FCTA

Lynne Marvell Union President FCTA

 Stacy Ewen IEC

Vacant DPAC

1. **Call to Order and Acknowledgment**

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm via Zoom conference call. Trustee Kerr 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 – January 23, 2024**

**CLARK/FLOYD**

THAT the agenda of the Policy Development Committee meeting held on January 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes – November 28, 2023**

**FLOYD/CLARK**

THAT the minutes of the Policy Development Committee meeting held on November 23, 2023 be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. Field Trips (Curricular/Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities) 5020

Balan reviewed the edits with the committee that were made by the subcommittee after reviewing the stakeholder feedback. Some additional committee edits and additions were made to policy 5020.

The following was added to Policy 5020 at the very bottom of page one:

*Every effort will be made to ensure field trips meet the accessibility needs of students with disabilities and/or diverse abilities so that they can participate.*

1. Update on School Closures Policy #4000 – the committee reviewed Policy 4000 and made some minor edits to clean it up. The plan is to bring back some suggestions for changes to the billet/shelter-in-place section of the policy for discussion at the next meeting.

1. Next steps on the Multiculturalism and Discrimination Policies – Balan shared some examples from other districts (Kamloops and Langley) and the great work they have done on this topic. A lot of discussion ensued around the importance of updating these policies and it was decided to continue with the special committee that was created to look at the policies from the other districts. Several committee members felt strongly that students should be included in the process.
2. Privacy Policies – Gerry shared two procedures and a bylaw that are legislated and we need to have something similar in place in our district. We currently have one policy and a bylaw - Student Records 7010 and ByLaw 18 that would be replaced by this new Privacy Policy. This topic will be added as the first item on the next policy committee agenda. This gives time for everyone to read the information included in this agenda package for discussion at the April meeting.

Adjournment

 The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm

 Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

 Via Zoom conference call