BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**April 8, 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:**

Wade Peary Principal FCPVPA

Greg Lawley Principal FCPVPA

Megan Kempenaar Teacher FCTA

**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

Lynne Marvell Union President FCTA

Shannon Dobson CMAW

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 – April 8, 2025**

**COLMAN-LAWLEY/ DESJARDINS**

THAT the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of April 8, 2025, be approved as presented.

**Carried**

1. **Approval of Previous Minutes – March 4, 2025**

**COLMAN-LAWLEY/ DESJARDINS**

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

**Carried**

1. **Review of Section 3.00 Students, Instruction and School Operation**

Anne reviewed the organization for section 3.00 Students, Instruction and School Operations, including the policies to be considered at this meeting.

1. Current Policies recommended for repeal, to be replaced with an Administrative Procedure:

After discussion, it was decided that the following 10 policies be recommended for repeal, to be replaced with 8 Administrative Procedures.

The below policies are largely informed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies, Ministerial orders, School Protection Branch and various other government or agency resources. It was noted that Children-In-Care must be addressed within the Administrative Procedure regarding media consent.

After discussion, the committee agreed to move the below policies ‘intact’ for the time being into Administrative Procedures until they can be renovated using the related written guidance that already exists.

DESJARDINS/LAWLEY

THAT the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education that the following list of policies be repealed, to be replaced with Administrative Procedures:

 5025 Use of Private Vehicles

5075 Media Consent

5110 Challenging Controversial Material and 7525 Learning Resources for Classroom Use (combined into one Administrative Procedure)

5400 Board/Authority Authorized Courses

7010 Student Records – Confidentiality and 7012 Student Records Procedures (combined into one Administrative Procedure)

7022 School Completion (Evergreen) Certificates

7200 Suspensions – Students

7210 Releasing Students to Custodial Care

Content from Policy 5025 – Use of Private Vehicles will be incorporated into the future renovated Policy - 3.50 Curricular, Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities.

In addition, content from Policy 7200 – Student Suspension will be addressed within Student Expectations.

 Carried

1. Policies that are recommended by the Board of Education to be repealed outright:

It was discussed and agreed upon by the committee that the following policies are informed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care policy and Ministerial orders that already exist and are updated regularly. They offer little guidance as they are, and are therefore being recommended for repeal outright by the board.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/ DESJARDINS

THAT the Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Education that the following policies be repealed, and subsequently be removed from the website once approved for repeal:

 5060 Data Collection, Analysis and Usage

 5510 Tuition-free Adult Basic Education

7018 Classroom Assessment and Reporting and 7540 Assessment and Evaluation of Student Learning

7015 Consultation re Placement of Special Needs Students

7510 Distance Education

7520 Band Instruments

7530 Challenge, Equivalency, External Credentials, Post-Secondary Credit, & Independent Directed Studies

 Carried

It was discussed that Administrative procedures and key Ministry resources be housed in a convenient location on the website, with the goal of ensuring they are fully accessible to the public.

1. Drafts to be discussed at this meeting: –

Due to time constraints, these items will be moved to the May 6th Policy Committee Meeting.

1. There were no additional questions or comments.

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

 Via Zoom conference call

ADJOURNMENT

 DESJARDINS/

 THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:01 pm