

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

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 7, 2026**

PRESENT:

Board Representatives:

Pattie Desjardins	Trustee	Chair
Wendy Colman-Lawley	Trustee	Committee Member

Special Guest:

Anne Cooper		Consultant
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Committee Representatives:

Bernard Klop	Representative	FCPVPA
Greg Lawley	Representative	FCPVPA

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
Belle Peters-Lepitre	Representative	Student
Coira Norwood	Representative	Student
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative	FCTA
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative	CMAW
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative	CMAW
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative	DPAC
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative	IEC
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative	IEC

1. Call to Order and Acknowledgment

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm via Zoom conference call. The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the shared territory of the Cheam, Sts'ailes, Sq'ewlets, Sq'ewqel, Shxw'owhámél, Seabird Island, Nlaka'pamux and Chawathil people.

2. Approval of Agenda – April 7, 2026**COLMAN-LAWLEY/KLOP****THAT the agenda of the Policy Committee meeting for April 7, 2026, be approved as presented.****Carried****3. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2026****COLMAN-LAWLEY/LAWLEY****THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on March 3, 2026, be approved as presented.****Carried****4. Overview of Section 6.00, Finance and Transportation**

The Consultant provided a summary of the actions to date regarding section 6.00 policies. The Consultant updated the Committee regarding two (2) draft policies which were reviewed by legal counsel. The Consultant advised Policy 6.50 School Closures is an update to Policy 4020 Permanent School Closures and Policy 6.51 Disposal of Land and Buildings is a new policy.

The Consultant recommended the two policies be referred directly to the Board of Education for review as the Policies were drafted under specific legal advice and should be reviewed by the Board without further edits. The Committee agreed to the recommended approach. The consultant and staff agreed to work and ensure the two policies are added to the agenda for the April 21, 2026 Board of Education meeting,

5. Drafts for Discussion:

The following five (5) draft Policies were put forward for review by the Policy Committee:

- 5.50 Unauthorized Visitors
- 6.20 Funding Requests
- 6.30 Advertising and Sponsorships
- 6.60 Public Use of Facilities
- 6.80 Student Transportation

Draft Policy 5.50 – Unauthorized Visitors

The Consultant provided an update on the revisions to date and reviewed the policy line by line with the Committee. The Consultant explained the overall focus on safety and how the changes to the draft policy provided clearer language and referenced the School Act.

The Committee discussed the Policy's purpose focusing on unauthorized visitors rather than authorized ones. The Consultant confirmed additional procedural details would be

included in the Administrative Procedure which would be made available on the District website for parents, and the public to review.

DESJARDINS/COLMAN-LAWLEY

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 5.50 Unauthorized Visitors be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

Draft Policy 6.20 – Funding Requests

The Consultant advised this is a new policy which was requested by the Board and as such the draft was presented without previous edits. The Consultant reviewed the draft policy and included an overview of the policy's purpose to ensure public funds are used for the intended educational purposes.

The Consultant explained the scope of the draft policy is not meant to impact existing ongoing funding agreements and partnerships. The Consultant clarified the draft policy covers circumstances where the entity requesting the funding is the lead for the initiative rather than the District. The Consultant advised the draft policy does not specify a funding amount or limit as it is optimal to review each funding request and corresponding value on a case by case basis.

The Committee discussed how the draft policy relates to the District's Strategic Plan. The Superintendent questioned whether the draft Policy should include more specifics on how funding requests relate to the curriculum and to ensure they have a clear purpose and scope. The Consultant simplified the policy language regarding the criteria to emphasize a direct link with the funding request's scope and the Board's expectations for positive student impacts and outcomes. The Consultant made various syntax and punctuation changes as recommended by the Committee.

DESJARDINS/KLOP

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 6.20 Funding Requests be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

Draft Policy 6.30 Advertising and Sponsorships

The Consultant advised the draft policy is a combination of two existing policies and advised the Committee of the draft policy's scope and purpose. The draft policy is intended to ensure students' time spent at school is safe from activities that are specifically for commercial gain.

The Consultant provided a review of the draft policy and advised that the Principal is the decision maker on sponsorship and advertising requests in consultation with the Superintendent when needed. The draft policy's purpose is to help guide those decisions. The Committee discussed scenarios for requests and how sponsorships are typically temporary rather than permanent commitments. The Consultant clarified that student led fundraising activities are outside the scope of the draft policy. The Consultant added an

additional sentence to help clarify that the draft policy is not intended to limit District led fundraising initiatives.

COLMAN-LAWLEY/KLOP

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 6.30 Advertising and Sponsorship be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

Draft Policy 6.60 Public Use of Facilities

The draft policy is an update to existing Policy 4030 - Use of School Grounds, Buildings and Facilities. The Consultant advised the policy applies to rental arrangements where no Joint Use Agreement is in place. The Consultant reviewed the draft principles and explained that rental fees would be structured on a cost recovery basis and not intended to subsidize the renters' activities. The Consultant reviewed the guidelines and prohibited activities. The Committee recommended additional language to include vaping and drug use of any kind as prohibited activities.

The Consultant provided a review of the factors to take into consideration to prioritize the use of a facility by multiple applicants. The Committee discussed how various applicants and application scenarios would be evaluated based on the factors. The Consultant updated the policy's language regarding "the Board's values" rather than "beliefs and values" to ensure alignment with the current strategic plan's language. The Consultant confirmed specifics related to fee schedules and rental application processes would be moved to an Administrative Procedure.

DESJARDINS/KLOP

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that Policy 6.60 Public Use of Facilities be forwarded to the Board for public notice and comment.

Carried

Policy 6.80 Student Transportation

The Consultant reviewed the revised list of factors to consider when transportation services are provided. The Consultant emphasized that the policy's intent is to clarify that the provision of transportation services are a privilege rather than a right, and the key factors help clarify when the need for transportation services is justified and necessary. The Committee discussed hardship scenarios and agreed support for transportation services may be captured through alternate student support activities on a case by case basis.

The Committee discussed how First Nations evaluate their school of choice and how that connects to the provision of transportation services. The Consultant provided a line by line review of the eligibility factors and the Committee recommended to review the language regarding students with physical disabilities and neurodivergent students. The Committee agreed to defer discussion to the next Policy Committee meeting in the interest of time and to allow for more in depth review.

6. Questions & Comments - Nil

7. New Business - Nil

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 4:30-6:00 pm
Via Zoom conference call

ADJOURNMENT

DESJARDINS

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:59 pm