



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
Minutes – Policy Committee**

**April 23, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
Board Office**

**Committee Members
In Attendance:**

**Co-Chair Trustee Brown (Chair)
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee McPhee**

Regrets:

Co-Chair Trustee Ayling

**Board/District Staff in
Attendance:**

**Trustee Bellina (by WebEx)
Trustee Johns
Trustee Whalen
Chairperson Lento
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent
Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Casault, Director of Student Learning/Innovation
Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education
Brent Reimer, Director of Instruction/Human Resources
Jennifer Roberts, District Principal/Tech. and Transformative Learn.
Darcy Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services
Janice Paetz, Executive Assistant (Recorder)**

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

The Policy Committee meeting of April 23, 2018 was called to order at 11:56 a.m. by Co-Chair Brown.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

POL-2018-05

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of April 23, 2018 be approved.

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

POL-2018-06

M/S that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of February 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

2. POLICIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

Nil

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Draft Policy 3.11 Independent Directed Studies

Feedback from partner groups was reviewed.

Discussion included:

- an IDS project template from MBSS was provided – it will be reworded to match the policy and will become a regulation
- an IDS can be done in Grades 10-12 (anything connected to the Grad Program)
- a DL student can apply for an IDS with a slightly different time line than ‘one month in to the semester’ as indicated on the template form
- with the revised curriculum, this option might become more common – how do we promote this option to students? What does it look like in a classroom? What does it look like for teachers? There is definitely some work to do and conversations to have to ensure it doesn’t become overwhelming for staff - possibly establishing a block where all students completing an IDS are scheduled in that block; it could fall under work experience and/or career prep.
- although the policy is new as a result of the MBSS audit, the concept is not new – teachers/counsellors are already doing it
- change the title on the template from Individual Education Plan to Individual Project (or Program) Plan
- Trustee request to see a list of these projects from time to time
- send any feedback on the template to Diane prior to May Board meeting.

Recommendation A

“M/S that the Board of Education approve draft Policy 3.11 Independent Directed Studies.”

3.2 Revised Policy 5.4 Student Eligibility for Bus Service

Updates/discussion included:

- Bill Graham, Transportation Supervisor, has been asked to source out a transportation audit/review (not route optimization, which is already done annually)
- there are differences in transportation in each community and specific reasons for the differences
- we need to work in conjunction with city transit
- there is \$20,000 set aside from the transportation budget for a transportation audit
- looking at getting some extra help to pull a strategic plan together
- Mr. Norum called the Ministry – they want to see a strategic plan, which outlines what we are asking for
- possibly look at communities individually as the needs vary
- our policy should be defensible in court should something go wrong – possibly a more general policy and then sections pertaining to individual communities
- important to be consistent across the district when dealing with student safety
- could look at the time it takes to walk a certain distance instead of just distance (can make a big difference for primary students)

- could we work with the municipalities in each community to see if some of their city transit busses could be rescheduled to better meet the needs of our students (i.e. what is done in Nelson)?
- Trustee Bellina has been contacted by parents with issues involving wild life and traffic at certain locations around Sparwood
- COTR students ride the city transit for free (sponsored by COTR and BC Hydro) - could we do the same? (Part of the student fees their students pay includes this service.)

The revised policy will be tabled until the May meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

Nil

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.