



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

**February 26, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
Board Office**

**Committee Members
In Attendance:**

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

Regrets:

Trustee Helgesen

**Board/District Staff in
Attendance:**

**Trustee Bellina (by phone)
Trustee Johns
Trustee Whalen
Chairperson Lento
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent
Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Casault, Director of Student Learning and Innovation
Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Educ.
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 February 26, 2018 was called to order at 11:45 p.m. by Co-Chair Brown. This meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa people.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

POL-2018-03

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of February 26, 2018 be approved.

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

POL-2018-04

M/S that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 29, 2017 be approved as circulated.

2. POLICIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

Nil

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Revised Policy 5.4 Student Eligibility for Bus Service

Feedback from partner groups was reviewed.

Discussion included:

- still some concerns regarding walk limits
- only three students in Elkford actually qualify for bussing based on the current walk limits, all the rest are courtesy riders
- should be equal across the district – maybe creating guidelines would be helpful
- urban/rural communities should be taken in to consideration when looking at walk limits as it is quite different than within towns/cities
- Mr. Norum offered to contact the Ministry to determine where we stand i.e. extra operating costs, infrastructure, Ministry expectations when districts set policy, etc.

Recommendation A

“M/S that Mr. Norum contacts the Ministry of Education to gather bussing information and comes back with a strategy for the Board at the Board meeting in March.”

Recommendation B

“M/S that the Board approve revised Policy 5.4 Student Eligibility for Bus Service.”

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

4.1 Draft Policy – Independent Directed Studies

The draft policy resulted from the recent Ministry audit at Mt. Baker Secondary.

Discussion included:

- there is no change in practice, but practice needed to be reflected in policy
- implementation is in progress with our other secondary schools
- change ‘They’ to ‘The learning standards’

The revised draft policy will be sent to partner groups for feedback and brought back to the May meeting.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.