



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

**September 25, 2017, 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 Trustee Blumhagen Trustee Johns Chairperson Lento Trustee Whalen Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent Diane Casault, Director of Student Learning and Innovation Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Educ. 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 September 25, 2017 was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Brown. This meeting is being held on the lands of the Ktunaxa People.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda

POL-2017-09

M/S that the agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of September 25, 2017 be approved.

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

POL-2017-10

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

2. POLICIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD SINCE LAST MEETING

2.4/2.4R BC School Act – Section 177 – Maintenance of Order

Discussion:

- RCMP still having trouble in the Elk Valley re Section 177
- Mr. Tichauer advised he did receive a call in this regard. The School Act is provincial legislation. The RCMP would escort the person away to enforce the Section 177, but would not automatically charge that person. If they repeatedly violated the Section 177, they could charge them with another charge i.e. mischief (not obeying RCMP). The charge would not be for violating the Section 177.
- Does Section 177 pertain to violating school electronically? Verbal would be slander, using technology inappropriately could be a Section 177.
- talk to the IT department if any in appropriate emails are received and getting past our firewalls/blocks.

3.24 International Students

- Duncan McLeod (SD6) has been extremely helpful in dealing with parents/students, not just international students, but also families with work permits/study permits, etc.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Draft Policy – Partnerships/Sponsorships

Discussion included:

- an updated version was provided regarding ‘large scale’ some wording revamped under the approval process
- school level partnerships/sponsorships are signed/approved by the Principal
- Conflicts of interest – should the Board be more aware of partnerships/sponsorships? There are so many it is impossible to know who they all are.
- Should sponsorship beyond a certain amount come to the Board? (Most district policies that were reviewed have taken out a specific dollar amount as it can be difficult to determine.)
- schools cannot obtain gaming licenses – have to go through PAC
- concerns for implications down the road
- anywhere where it says ‘school district’ actually means ‘school board’ (could mean more than 200 instances each year as there are continually minute sponsorships happening in schools)
- #4 should require Board approval
- there should be more detail – categories broken down
- COTR is neither, they would be a supporter (or grants/aids)
- Business of donations is free giving with no expectations. Anything that involves reciprocal benefit is a contract. We have an obligation to be open and transparent – reciprocal arrangements have to be made available to all other business in the community. We have a process for contracts.
- Board should approve larger scale sponsorships/partnerships which have implications for the whole school district (not all the little stuff)
- more questions will come about once the policy is implemented and schools have a chance to look at it

- don't want to see schools and/or the school district partnering with companies who are doing unethical/questionable things
- #4 change to 'Secretary-Treasurer *and approved by the Board.*'
- If it involves large national corporations, it must come to the Board (Subway, Overwaitea, etc. are all large national corporations)
- include definitions/examples of what donations, grants, etc. are
- as we go forward, recommendations may come on how to improve the policy
- may need to have a policy and regulations that we can update quickly
- concern around schools making contracts with others that extend longer than one year
- include in opening paragraph – *proposed partnerships/sponsorships must be aligned with the district's mandate and right for our district.*

Recommendation A

“M/S that the amended Draft Policy Partnerships/Sponsorships be sent to the Board of Education for approval.”

4. CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR NEW ITEMS

4.1 Revised Policy 3.7R Code of Conduct

Discussion included:

- The sections added regarding exclusion of students due to medical issues and exclusion of students 16 years or older are in the School Act. It was recommended they be included in our policy so it reflects the School Act.
- Change 'parent' to parent/guardian - 1st paragraph and last bullet
- this wording is actually pulled from the School Act, but we can still make changes to include guardian
- this change is to the regulations only and not the actual policy so it does not need to go to the Board for approval.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.