



**GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**

In person: School Board Office, 811 Stanley Street, Nelson BC
and via video conference

BOARD:

L. Trenaman, Board Chair
S. Nazaroff, Board Vice-Chair
S. Walsh, G&P Committee Chair
D. Lang
A. Gribbin (*via video conference*)
B. Maslechko (*via video conference*)

DISTRICT STAFF:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
J. Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
D. Holitzki, Director of Inclusive Education
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction
H. Kerr, Executive Assistant
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

PARTNERS:

R. Bens, CUPE (*via video conference*)
M. Bennett, CUPE (*via video conference*)
A. Early, CUPE (*via video conference*)
N. Nazaroff, DPAC (*via video conference*)
E. DuPont, DPAC (*via video conference*)
M. Doyle, KLPVPA (*via video conference*)
D. Kunzelman, KLTF (*via video conference*)

REGRETS:

C. Beebe, Trustee
B. Coons, Trustee
S. Chew, Trustee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 PM.

Announced that an updated version of the agenda had been posted.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8.

3. Insertions/Deletions to proposed Agenda – Nil

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the agenda for this May 17, 2022 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Receiving Presentations – Nil

6. Comments or Questions from the Public regarding items on this Agenda – Nil

7. Consent Package – Nil

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the minutes from the March 8, 2022 Governance & Policy Committee of the Whole meeting **BE ADOPTED**.

9. Old Business

A. Policies returned after field testing

No comments were received from field testing. No comments or concerns brought forward by the committee regarding the following policies.

- Policy 250: Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Devices
- Policy 260: Scent Free Environment
- Policy 311: Illegal Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol
- Policy 320: Student Attendance
- Policy 530: Public Interest Disclosure

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT field tested Policies 250, 260, 311, 320 and 530 **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for approval.

B. Policy 330: Sexual Orientation Gender Identity

Recommend changes: Update of terminology and punctuation.

The Superintendent commented that the primary change to this policy was updating the acronym, so it aligns with SOGI initiatives of the Ministry of Education.

It was suggested to waive a portion of Policy 160 Policy Development, to shorten the field-testing time to enable approval of the policies on this agenda before the end of the current school year, however this was not supported by the committee.

A Trustee suggested that the communications processes and placement of policy field testing on the district website be reviewed and brought forward to a future Governance and Policy Committee of the Whole meeting.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the updated Policy 330: Sexual Orientation Gender Identity **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for field testing.

N. Nazaroff, DPAC joined the meeting at 12:55 pm

10. New Business

A. Policy 331: Anti-Racism and Cultural Safety

The Superintendent explained that this policy began with student input and engaged all education partners as well as the public through a survey. Dr. Catherine McGregor, facilitated the development of this draft with the Anti-Racism Advisory Council comprised of trustees, education partners and community representatives.

Recommended Changes; add the following to the definition of Residential Schools:

- “and Day Schools” They were a system of boarding schools and Day Schools run by a variety of religious orders that Indigenous children were required by law to attend between 1894 and 1947.”
- new sentence: “Doukhor children were forced into government-run residential schooling between the years 1953 and 1959.”

Two small grammatical errors were corrected, and the links to the references will be updated prior to field testing.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the new Policy 331: Anti-Racism and Cultural Safety **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for field testing.

B. Policy 791: Naming / Re-Naming of Schools & Facilities

- This policy will prevent schools and facilities from being named after people. Existing and rebuilt school facilities will not be renamed, except under exceptional circumstances such as when the existing name no longer serves the needs of the school population or community. The final decision regarding naming or renaming of any Board owned facility will be made by the Board.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the new Policy 791: Naming / Re-Naming of Schools & Facilities **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for field testing.

C. Review of Section 400 Policies

- **Policy 410: School Choice and Catchment**
Policy 410 was sent for legal review to ensure alignment with legislation. In addition to this, additional changes were incorporated: minor spelling, grammatical and punctuation corrections as well as language to address long-term planning. It was suggested that the school catchment areas be reviewed.

- Policy 411: Schools and Programs of Choice
Recommended change:
 - Correcting the name of the Board.

- Policy 412: Independent Homeschooler
Recommend changes:
 - Correcting the name of the Board.
 - un-bolding the word “register”
 - changing the word “guardian” to lower case.
 - adding a link to the school regulation to the footer
 - Minor formatting corrections

- Policy 430: Fees, Deposits and Financial Hardship
Recommended changes:
 - Correcting the name of the Board.
 - Correcting legislative reference in footer to section 82 from 8.2

- Policy 440: Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities
Recommended changes:
 - Correcting the name of the Board.
 - Deletion of two sentences referring to other SD8 policies and those of BC School Sports.

- Policy 450: Equitable and Inclusive Educational Services for Learners (Formerly “Student Services”)
Recommended changes: Significant changes are recommended to update this policy to celebrate, honour and respect diverse learners, promote equity in the district and ensure that all learners have a place in SD8 schools and will be supported.

- Policy 451: Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students
No Changes

- Policy 460: Language
Recommended Changes:
 - Minor language changes.

- Policy 480: Parent Advisory Councils/District Parent Advisory Council
Recommended Changes:
 - Correction to the name of the Board.

- Policy 490: School Closure
Recommended Changes:
 - Correction to the name of the Board.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**:

THAT the updated and renamed Policy 450 and updated Policies 410 and 440 **BE RECOMMENDED** to the Board for field testing.

11. Policy Priority List

12. Question Period

The public may post comments or questions in the Q&A area on the webinar. These will be read aloud during the meeting.

13. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

To be determined. We anticipate a meeting will occur in June.

14. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.



Committee Chair



Secretary-Treasurer