

School District No. 38 (Richmond)
7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10:30 am
Board Room, 1st Floor, School District office

Present: Sandra Nixon, Chairperson
Donna Sargent, Vice Chairperson
Heather Larson, Member
Scott Robinson, Superintendent
Tim McCracken, Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association
Steve Wenglowski, Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association
JW Cho, Richmond Teachers' Association
Mark Hoath, President, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Catherine Cleary, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:38am.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held Monday, November 18, 2019 and the Minutes from the Special meeting held Monday, November 4, 2019 were approved as circulated.

4. POLICY 504.4 & 504.4-R: Menstrual Products

The Superintendent reminded stakeholders that the deadline for feedback is February 13, 2020. Feedback and an update on the Policy will be presented at the next meeting on February 18, 2020.

5. POLICY 512.4/512.4-R: French Programs

The Chair noted that the committee had taken a look at the recommendations submitted in the Stakeholder review process. The Assistant Superintendent then provided background on the policy revisions and thanked the Richmond Teachers' Association (RTA) for the feedback, questions and input received. The Assistant Superintendent itemized points raised for possible changes from RTA summarized as follows:

That the last section of the policy be moved to the regulation. *The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to offer French language learning programs* be added for clarification; the statement *Transportation assistance will not be provided for students*

enrolled in French Immersion Programs K-12 be a stand-alone statement rather than part of a section; refer to the Ministry of Education’s website; and change the word *motivate* in the section on recruitment and retention of staff to *mentor*.

Following the proposed final changes to the Policy, the Committee discussed and agreed to move the last paragraph to the Regulation. It was further discussed and then agreed to separate the item regarding transportation in the itemized list in section 2, add in a direct link to the Ministry section, and change the word *motivate* to *support*. The Assistant Superintendent will make the revisions as provided and recommended.

ACTION: It was **AGREED** that the final revisions be made to the Draft Policy and Regulation and then brought to the next meeting of the Board on February 12, 2020 as a Notice of Motion for recommendation of approval at the March 8, 2020 Public meeting.

6. **POLICY 513.4/513.4-R/513.4-G: Selection of Learning Resources;**
POLICY 513.5-R: Reconsideration of Learning Resources;
POLICY 513.6/513.6-R: External Resources

The Assistant Superintendent provided background on the Learning Resources policies noting Policy 513.4.1-G: *Selection of Motion Picture Videos* needed to be rescinded as it is outdated and now incorporated in Policy 513.4, 513.4-R and 513.4.1-G. Outside Resource People Policy (513.6) and Regulation (513.6-R) required revision also. The existing policies were revised and then entered into a public consultation process which ended on January 10, 2020.

The Committee Chair thanked the RTA for the responses provided. The Assistant Superintendent then outlined the specific stakeholder feedback provided. In Policy 513.4-R there was a question regarding the phrase “District professional staff” and a suggestion to remove *core competencies* and *learning standards* in favour of *curriculum*. In Policy 513.5-R there were questions about the word choice of *decision* and *recommendation* regarding the process for reconsidering learning resources. As well, there was a question about what the composition of the committee would be and it was discussed that the committee be defined.

Following questions and comments, the Chair noted that these changes as agreed to would be made to the Learning Resources policies and regulations and brought back to the next Policy Committee meeting.

ACTION: It was **AGREED** that the revisions from the stakeholder review, discussed and agreed to at the January 20, 2020 Policy Committee meeting, be made to the draft Policy and Regulation and then brought to the next Policy Committee meeting on February 18, 2020 for final review.

5. NEXT MEETING DATES

Future meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 10:30 am and Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10:30am.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Nixon
Sandra Nixon, Chairperson
Policy Committee