

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 17, 2024

Location: Pemberton Secondary School (Library)/Virtual (Meeting will be live streamed [here](#). Refer to [SD48 website](#) for additional information)

Time: 12:30 pm

AGENDA

24-04-17 PC-O

"We would like to acknowledge that we are privileged to meet on the unceded and ancestral territories of the Skwxwú7mesh and St'át'y'emc Nations."

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Attendance:

Trustees: R. Barley, C. Higgins, A. Lowe, C. Bickford, L. Turpin (via Zoom), M. Ronayne, R. Lythe (via Zoom)

Staff: Superintendent Nicholson, Secretary Treasurer Haverstock, Administrative Assistant Benipal

Regrets: Assistant Superintendent Lorette

1. AGENDAMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the agenda of this meeting be approved."**

CARRIED

2. MINUTESMOVED/SECONDED: **"That the [minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on March 13, 2024](#) be adopted."**

CARRIED

3. TRUSTEE ITEMS - Nil**4. PRESENTATIONS - Nil****5. INFORMATION ITEMS****A. Leave for Public Office - D. Haverstock**

As per the discussion at the last Policy Committee meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Haverstock reached out to BCPSEA on staff leaves for serving public office. As per BCPSEA, paid and unpaid leaves for unionized staff is a collective bargaining matter. For exempt staff, the Employment Standards Act and individual employee contracts are followed.

Trustee Bickford requested that the Board Chair seek clarification from the BCSTA as there are other provincial organizations that allow leaves for this purpose.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. New Policies - C. Nicholson**a. [Policy 107 Anti-Racism](#)b. [Policy 108 Accessibility](#)c. [Policy 109 Environmental Sustainability](#)

Superintendent Nicholson presented the proposed new policies on Anti-Racism, Accessibility and Environmental Sustainability. He requested the Board's approval in principle so that they can begin the public impact process.

The Policy Committee decided to send Policy 107 and 108 for the public impact process as soon as possible and to postpone the public impact process for Policy 109 to the fall.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- MOVED/SECONDED: "THAT the Policy Committee recommends the Board of Education grants an approval to send Policy 107 Anti-Racism, Policy 108 Accessibility and Policy 109 Environmental Sustainability for the public impact process." CARRIED
- MOVED/SECONDED: "THAT the Policy Committee recommends the Board of Education sends Policy 107 Anti-Racism and Policy 108 Accessibility for the public impact process as soon as possible and sends Policy 109 Environmental Sustainability for the public impact process in the fall." CARRIED

8. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no objection from trustees, the Board Chair concluded the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer