

## HALTON CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

### Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2011  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Board Room, 802 Drury Lane, Burlington  
**Chair:** A.A. LeMay  
**In Attendance - Trustees:** A. Danko, A. Iantomasi, P. Marai, J. Michael, J. Morrison, D. Rabenda, J. M. Rowe, E. Viana  
**Student Trustee:** C. Schneider  
**In Attendance – Staff:** M. W. Pautler, J. Langill, M. Tessari, L. Stocco  
**In Attendance – Guests:** Stakeholders  
**Recording Secretary:** T. Stocco

	Agenda Items	Summary	Action	Follow-up / Resp.
1.	<b>Opening Prayer/Welcome</b>	The meeting opened at 5:40 p.m. with a prayer led by the Chair A. A. LeMay.		
2.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	The agenda was accepted as amended.		
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	The minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.		
4.	<b>Review of Policies and Procedures</b>	<p><b>a) II-45 Equity and Inclusive Education/VI-44 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools</b></p> <p>J. Langill provided a historical perspective and sequence of events leading to the development and implementation of the Equity and Inclusive Education policy. He briefly spoke to the impact of the policy on administrative procedures, ie. VI-44 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools.</p> <p>J. Langill presented the Board's Equity and Inclusive Education interim operating policy, which was the original template developed by the Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC). This policy was approved as the Board's interim operating policy at the January 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion around the interim policy and the suggested amendments and revisions. Part of the discussion centered around whether the eight (8) Action Steps to be removed from the policy be incorporated into the existing Administrative Procedure VI-44 Progressive Discipline and Safety in Schools, or be placed in a separate, new Administrative Procedure.</p>	<p><i>Recommendation to move the eight (8) Action Items for Board's and School's in template Policy II-45 Equity and Inclusive Education to a new procedure to be developed as moved by E. Viana, Seconded by R. Rabenda. <b>CARRIED.</b></i></p> <p><i>Recommendation to approve the changes reflected in bold font on pages 1 and 8 in template Policy II-45 was moved by E. Viana, Seconded by A. Iantomasi. <b>CARRIED.</b></i></p> <p><i>Recommendation to amend the Policy Template by adding Pastoral Guidelines and Same Sex Orientation to template Policy II-45 was <b>CARRIED.</b></i>  <i>Recommendation to approve</i></p>	

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		<p>M. Tessari referred to and led a discussion centered around Appendix 14 (By Your S.I.D.E. and S.I.D.E. Spaces) in Administrative Procedure VI-44. M. Tessari, in response to questions from trustees, described in detail the mandate of the programs, elaborated on the proposed in-servicing model and expanded on the types of support it will offer staff and students.</p> <p>There was further discussion among trustees and senior staff around this topic. Trustees offered their appreciation to M. Tessari, who co-authored the initiative with T. Wilson, Chief Social Worker, K. Stevenson, Religion Consultant and L. Naar, Superintendent.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued regarding amendments to the existing template Equity and Inclusive Education policy and Administrative Procedure.</p> <p>Trustees discussed whether or not the statement of Pastoral Guidelines should be included in the policy as well as in the procedure. The procedure was circulated and referenced for clarification purposes.</p> <p>A discussion arose centered on the issue and duties to ensure implementation, compliancy, monitoring and review of policies and procedures. It was noted that Information Reports have been previously provided to trustees regarding the status of new/existing policies and procedures and other information has been embedded or packaged in other reports.</p>	<p><i>amendments to Administrative Procedure VI-44 was <b>CARRIED.</b></i></p> <p><i>Recommendation to bring interim Policy II-45 Equity and Inclusive Education to the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in 1<sup>st</sup> Reading was moved by I. Iantomasi, Seconded by E. Viana. It <b>CARRIED.</b></i></p>	
<p><b>Note: Trustee J. Michael was excused from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.</b></p>				
		<p><b><i>b) V-1 Community Use of School Facilities</i></b></p> <p>J. M. Rowe shared with members of the Committee a request made by a Georgetown community group regarding Board Policy V-1 Community Use of School Facilities, specifically, under Requirement #16, to include a statement that events by community groups of a non-profit nature be allowed to have alcohol on the premises.</p> <p>Trustees discussed the implications of the proposed amendment as well as potential liabilities. Trustee Rowe reiterated that the exception would strictly apply to bona-fide groups, on a one-to-one basis, and would not be open to families or individuals. It was noted that there is already a mechanism in place in the current policy to address</p>	<p><i>Recommendation to change the wording in Policy V-1 Community Use of School Facilities Requirement #16 to read:</i></p> <p><i>.....no alcohol use shall be allowed on Board building, facilities or grounds, except school, parish <b>or community groups of a non-profit nature, that are approved by the Director of Education.....</b> was moved by J.M. Rowe, Seconded by P. Marai. It <b>LOST.</b></i></p>	

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		exceptions by the Director.		
		<p><b>c) II-41 School Uniform Dress Code/School Dress Code</b></p> <p>At the request from Trustee Michael, the policy will be brought forward at a Policy Committee meeting in March for discussion.</p>	For discussion at the March Policy Committee Meeting.	J. Langill
		<p><b>d) II-44 Mental Health and document</b></p> <p>J. Langill noted that staff is waiting for further direction and information from the Ministry of Education prior to bringing the policy forward for 3rd reading. J. Langill referenced the Ministry document "Making a Difference" which will be a core resource document.</p>		
5.	<b>OPEN</b>	<p>Trustee Viana suggested that a statement from the Chair and Director be sent to the parishes and newspapers regarding the Equity and Inclusive Education Policy to clarify misunderstandings.</p> <p>The Director noted that the matter will be raised at next week's Deanery meeting next week. The matter will also be discussed with the Bishop at an upcoming meeting. He noted that a number of pastors have expressed their support to the Director of Education.</p>		
6.	<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.		
7.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - 5:30 p.m.		