

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre - Board Room
802 Drury Lane, Burlington, ON

Members Present: A. Danko A. Quinn
 A. Lantomasi D. Rabenda
 H. Karabela J. M. Rowe
 P. Marai S. Trites
 J. Michael

Staff Present: P. Dawson, Director of Education
 C. Cipriano, Superintendent of Education
 T. Overholt, Superintendent of Education
 A. Swinden, Administrator, Strategic Communications
 C. McGillicuddy, Superintendent of Education

Recording Secretary: M. Zammit

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 **Opening Prayer**

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer led by P. Marai.

2. **APPROVALS**

2.1 **Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

The following motion was presented:

#P22/16

Moved by: A. Lantomasi

Seconded by: A. Quinn

RECOMMENDED, that the agenda be approved, as submitted.

CARRIED

2.2 **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 12, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting were reviewed. Minor revision to item 3.5 Policy II-19 Educational Field Trips – Outdoor Education trips was added about arrangements for students to attend Mass on the return trip back.

The following motion was presented:

#P23/16

Moved by: A. Quinn

Seconded by: S. Trites

RECOMMENDED, that the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2016 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Policy II-42 Medical Conditions (T. Overholt)

T. Overholt provided background for the Trustees on Policy II-42 Medical Conditions and noted that as of April 30, 2015 the Ontario Legislature passed Bill 20, Ryan's Law. As result of Bill 20 minor adjustments to the policy are required. Trustees discussed that Pediculosis is not a medical condition. T. Overholt responded and noted he would make changes to the wording.

Further discussion ensued regarding families who require financial assistance for medical needs. It was noted schools and parishes would help those in need.

Trustee H. Karabela mentioned that the word "pupil" was mentioned in the policy and suggested we change it to "student". T. Overholt added that word "pupil" in this policy is from the Education Act. It was decided that when referencing the Education Act, we won't make the change.

The following resolution was put before the Policy Committee:

#P24/16

*Moved by: A. Lantomasi
Seconded by: M. Rowe*

Resolved, that the Policy Committee recommends that Policy II-42 Medical Conditions be forwarded to the February 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting for approval as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Policy II-22 Secondary School Day (C. Cipriano)

C. Cipriano provided a brief overview of Policy II-22 Secondary School Day with a recommendation to rescind the policy as the content would be encompassed within Policy 11-07 The School Day – Elementary and Secondary. C. Cipriano noted it more user friendly to have just one policy.

The following was put before the Policy Committee:

#P25/16

*Moved by: A. Quinn
Seconded by: M. Rowe*

RESOLVED, that the Policy Committee recommends that Board Policy II-22 Secondary School Day be forwarded to the February 16, 2016 Regular Board Meeting with a recommendation to rescind.

CARRIED

3.3 Policy II-07 The School Day – Elementary and Secondary (C. Cipriano)

C. Cipriano presented Policy II-07 the School Day Elementary and Secondary. Frist change to this policy is the title ("The School Day (Daily Sessions)") which is the language in the Education Act.

Second change was noted under "Principles" from item "a" to "k", the language was embed from our former Policy II-22 Secondary School Day.

Third change was noted under "School Day", item "a" The school office shall be accessible to the students and parents thirty minutes before the commencement of instruction for the day and ending fifteen minutes after classes end for the day.

Discussion ensued regarding inclement weather. C. Cipriano noted we will change the language to be more clear about inclement weather.

The following motion was put before the Policy Committee:

<p>#P26/16</p> <p>Resolved, that the Policy Committee recommends that the Policy II-07 The School Day – Elementary and Secondary be forwarded to the February 16, 2016 Regular Board meeting for approval.</p>	<p>Moved by: A. Quinn Seconded by: H. Karabela</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
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4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.1 **Policy II-41 Uniform (C. Cipriano)**

C. Cipriano provided background and history of Policy II-41 Uniform which was written in April 2009. C. Cipriano went over the amendments to Policy II-41 Uniform, which include:

- a majority vote (50% + 1);
- community votes are scheduled for later in the school year and will include family votes from those families with pre-registered children;
- if a youngest child in the family is in grade 7 or 8, a family is not eligible to vote;
- each community must vote on school uniforms at least once with this new policy. The uniform vote may be revisited on a three-year cycle;
- schools who have never held a school uniform vote, must hold a vote during the 2012-13 school year.

C. Cipriano noted he brought this Policy as a discussion to the Trustees as it is on its third year cycle to be reviewed and noted that our contract with the sole uniform provider expires December 2016.

Discussion ensued about having a sole provider and having the uniform throughout the board.

Trustee Karbala asked if any school after three years has gone back to no uniform. C. Cipriano noted we have not had a vote yet. Many schools are approaching to three years. A school in Oakville is talking about re-voting soon.

Further discussion ensued regarding whether or not it should go to stakeholder consultation? It was noted it needs to be consistent.

C. Cipriano stated for the next meeting he will provide the Trustees with three different providers. It was decided this item will come back for next policy meeting.

4.2 **Dress Code**

Reviewed.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 **Administrative Procedure VI-79 Indoor Air Quality Investigation Process (T. Overholt)**

Reviewed.

5.2 **Administrative Procedure VI-66 Asthma (T. Overholt)**

Reviewed.

5.3 **Administrative Procedure VI- 52 After Hours School Paid Camp Activities (C. Cipriano)**

Reviewed.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
There was no correspondence.
8. **IN CAMERA**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **MOTION TO EXCUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** (None)
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN (C. Cipriano)**

#P27/16

RECOMMENDED, that the meeting adjourn.

Moved by: A. Lantomasi
Seconded by: A. Danko

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a prayer led by J. Michael at 8:15 p.m.