



REPORT

Policy Committee

- *Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting December 15, 2015.*

Resolutions:

- *That the Rainy River District School Board approve the following policies:
4.60 First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Student Voluntary Self-Identification
7.22 Emergency Response*
- *That the Rainy River District School Board approve the following policy for stakeholder consultation:
1.10 Board Goals and Commitments*



**Policy Committee Minutes
Education Centre
December 15, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Don McBride, Dianne McCormack, David Kircher, Michael Lewis

STAFF: Heather Campbell, Director of Education; Ann Cox, Manager, Human Resources; Bill Daley, Principal Representative; Kaylie Lundgren, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Heather Campbell, Director of Education called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Election of Chair

The Director of Education called for nominations for the position of Committee Chair. Trustee McBride was nominated by Trustee Lewis and the nomination was seconded by Trustee Kircher. Trustee McBride accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Trustee McBride was declared Chair for the term December 2015 to November 2016.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest declared.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting were approved.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

a) Policy Feedback

4.60 First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Voluntary Self-Identification

The First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Advisory Committee met on December 14, 2015



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and reviewed the changes made by the Policy Committee to Policy 4.60 First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Voluntary Self-Identification. The Director of Education advised the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Advisory Committee agreed with the changes and provided no further feedback.

The Committee recommended that Policy 4.60 First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Voluntary Self-Identification be presented to the Board for approval.

7.22 Emergency Response

There was no feedback received on Policy 7.22, Emergency Response.

The Committee reviewed Policy 7.22, Emergency Response and minor revisions were made for clarification purposes only. Trustee McCormack brought to the Committee's attention that Policy 7.22, Emergency Response refers to inclement weather but Policy 7.18 is titled Extreme Weather. The Committee agreed the title should be amended to be consistent in the language and Policy 7.18, Extreme Weather will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Committee recommended that Policy 7.22, Emergency Response be presented to the Board for approval.

b) Policy Review

Policy 1.10, Strategic Directions

The Committee agreed to combine Policy 1.10, Strategic Directions with Policy 1.00, Statement of Board Mission, Beliefs and Vision. The Committee discussed the Board's commitment statements, goals and strategic plan and how all of those items guide what should be included in this policy. The Rationale Statement was amended to incorporate the mission and vision statements. Guideline 1.1 was revised to use positive language in relation to the prevention of bullying and to be more inclusive of both the learning and working environments. Guideline 1.2 was removed as the content was redundant to the Rational Statement. The Committee discussed how often the strategic plan should be reviewed. Trustee Lewis suggested the broad strategic plan review, which involves stakeholder input, be completed every four years because it would then be coordinated with the term of the Board. The Committee agreed the title of the policy should be changed to reflect the updated policy content; therefore, the title was amended to Policy 1.10, Board Goals and Commitments.

The Committee recommended that Policy 1.10, Board Goals and Commitments be presented to the Board for stakeholder consultation.



7. New Business / Reports

a) Policy Review

1.00 Statement of Board Mission, Beliefs and Vision

The Committee agreed to combine Policy 1.00 Statement of Board Mission, Beliefs and Vision with Policy 1.10, Board Goals and Commitments. Once Policy 1.10, Board Goals and Commitments is approved by the Board, Policy 1.00, Statement of Board Mission, Beliefs and Vision will be rescinded.

Recommendations:

***“That the Rainy River District School Board approve the following policies:
4.60 First Nation, Métis and Inuit Student Voluntary Self-Identification
7.22, Emergency Response.”***

***“That the Rainy River District School Board approve the following policy for stakeholder consultation:
1.10, Board Goals and Commitments.”***

8. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
9. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 1 <i>Governance</i>
BOARD GOALS AND COMMITMENTS	1.10

POLICY

The Rainy River District School Board will create mission and vision statements, which will guide the development of a strategic plan.

RATIONALE

The mission and vision statements and the strategic plan clearly establish and communicate purposeful goals and commitments which focus and align the work of all levels of the Board, providing direction in decision-making and giving purpose to the day to day responsibilities of staff.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per guidelines and as required by the *Education Act*.

GUIDELINES

- 1.1 The Rainy River District School Board strategic plan shall:
 - promote student achievement and well-being;
 - promote a positive learning and working environments that are safe, respectful, and inclusive;
 - support the provision of effective and appropriate programs for students; and
 - provide direction for the effective allocation of Board resources;
 - inform the development of the Annual Operational Plan and the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement.

- 1.2 The Board will receive regular updates on the implementation of the strategic plan.

- 1.3 The Board will review the strategic plan annually, with a broader review involving stakeholders approximately every four years.

- 1.4 The strategic plan will be posted to the Board website and communicated, as appropriate.

Definitions:

A **Mission** is one or two precise and clear statements establishing the Board’s purpose.

A **Vision** is an ideal that the Board strives to achieve.

FEEDBACK TO BE RECEIVED BY
JANUARY 25, 2016

<u>CROSS REFERENCE</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u>
<p>Board Strategic Plan: https://www.rrdsb.com/board-information/board-plans</p> <p>Annual Operational Plan: https://www.rrdsb.com/board-information/board-plans</p>	<p><u>Board Motion</u></p> <p><u>Review Prior to</u></p>	<p><i>Education Act, S. 169.1, Duties and Powers of Boards</i></p>