



**Policy Committee
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 ♦ 3:30 p.m.
Haldimand Room**

Trustees:

Present: Cliff Casey (Chair), Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Carol Luciani, Bonnie McKinnon, Rick Petrella

Absent:

Senior Administration:

Chris N. Roehrig (Director of Education & Secretary), Patrick Daly and Michelle Shypula
(Superintendents of Education)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer led by Chair Casey.

1.2 Attendance

As noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Policy Committee approves the agenda of the April 12, 2016 meeting.

Carried

1.4 Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2016

Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Carol Luciani

THAT the Policy Committee approves the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting.

Carried

1.5 Business Arising - Nil

2. Committee and Staff Reports

2.1 Inclement Weather & Temporary School/Facility Closures Policy 400.01 (revised).

Director Roehrig reported that although the Policy's revised Administrative Procedure does not include any substantive changes, it does provide for clearer language regarding expectations of staff during inclement weather situations. He reviewed the key revisions and responded to trustee inquiries.



Moved by: Bonnie McKinnon

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the revised Inclement Weather & Temporary School/Facility Closures Policy 400.01 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

2.2 Management of Students with Asthma Policy 200.05 (new)

Superintendent Shypula introduced a new policy in response to Bill 20, Ryan's Law 2015 (Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools). She advised that a Committee had been formed, which included various members from community agencies, to develop the policy and to ensure adherence to the legislative requirements. She reviewed the key components of the policy and responded to trustee inquiries.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Rick Petrella

THAT the Policy Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole refers the Management of Students with Asthma Policy 200.05 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Carried

3. Discussion Items

3.1 Trustee Expenses Policy 100.10

Trustee Petrella inquired if a mechanism should be included in the existing *Trustee Expenses* Policy 100.10 to respond to situations where a trustee cancels his/her attendance at a conference/meeting, without just cause, after the Board has incurred pre-conference expenses for that trustee to attend the conference. Following some discussion, Director Roehrig offered to draft a cancellation clause to be included in the Policy for trustees to consider at the next Policy Committee meeting.

3.2 Social Media

Trustee Petrella inquired if the *Communication on Behalf of the Board* Policy 100.08 should include a section on the use of social media by trustees, such as Twitter, which is currently reflected as suggested guidelines only in the Policy's Appendix A. Discussion ensued and trustees requested that Director Roehrig present a suggested revision to the Policy, to include a section on communicating via social media, at the next Policy Committee meeting for trustee consideration.

4. Trustee Inquiries - Nil

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bonnie McKinnon

THAT the Policy Committee adjourns the meeting of April 12, 2016.

Carried

Next Meeting: At the call of the Chair