



**QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
1:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Facilitator: Trustee Carol Kellogg

Mandate: To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on all matters related to Bylaws, Policy, and Administrative Procedures.

We would like to give thanks and acknowledge that the lands on which we work and learn are on the shared traditional territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations People.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. FOR INFORMATION

None

3. FOR DISCUSSION

None

4. BYAWS/POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO FIRST READING

None

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO SECOND READING

a. Board Policy 700: Safe, Caring and Inclusive School Communities

Superintendent Jory stated that the reference to “Personal Digital Devices” has been included in the policy and administrative procedures as per the language requested through Ministerial Order M89. School have also have done some manner of consolation and revised their Codes of Conduct to reflect that change.

Superintendent Jory confirmed that administrative procedure supports teachers in managing device use in their classrooms and ensures that teachers can enforce no-device policies if they choose. The policy changes were not meant to prevent teachers from having conversations about personal digital devices or from students using them as part of an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Teachers who find personal digital devices disruptive and who wish to create a distraction-free environment, will be supported in enforcing stricter rules around the use of personal digital devices in their classroom.

The policy will be presented for second reading at the May Regular Board Meeting.

b. Board Policy 804: Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students

No further suggestions for edits were made.

The policy will be presented for second reading at the May Regular Board Meeting.

6. BYLAWS/POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO THIRD AND FINAL READING

a. Board Policy 103: School and District Branding

No further edits were proposed for this policy.

The policy will be presented for third and final reading at the May Regular Board Meeting.

b. NEW Board Policy 510: Learning Resources

Superintendent Jory reminded attendees that this was brought forward by the Director of Instruction following a series of regional conversations to ensure that the Board had a statement on learning resources to provide clarity in a time when people are questioning resources and curriculum. He noted that a glossary was considered and it was determined as not being necessary.

The topic of a glossary was discussed further to schools trying to define some of the words that are used so often (such as diversity and inclusivity). It was noted that language is not settled around some references and would be part of a larger topic due to its complexity. It was determined that the policy could be reviewed after it had been in place for a year, at which time any definitions could be added as deemed necessary.

A couple of spelling errors were also noted in the context

The policy will be presented for third and final reading at the May Regular Board Meeting with the corrections made to the spelling errors.

c. Policy 705: Corporate/Community Sponsorships, Partnerships and Advertising

The MATA President recognized the Board for listening and responding to concerns from staff who really wanted to utilize sponsorship in the community. The proposed wording in the policy supports that endeavour.

Trustee Kellogg advised that she had conversations with trustees and a principal from neighbouring districts who have implemented a method of advertising. Feedback was positive with it being noted that they were honoured that there were community members willing to support the athletic and other extra-curricular programs.

Further to a query from Trustee Austin, attendees also considered the word “branding” in the context and it was decided that “influence” would provide more clarity.

Superintendent Jory also referred to an addition to No. 7 on the policy to clarify the reference to ‘temporary basis’.

Trustee Kellogg expressed her appreciation to staff of the Athletic Department for bringing the topic of sponsorship forward with such detail, which assisted the committee in drafting wording to include in the policy and administrative procedures.

The policy will be presented for third and final reading at the May Regular Board Meeting with the suggested edits.

7. FUTURE TOPICS

- a. Other bylaw/policy reviews as required.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, June 17, 2024 via Microsoft Teams