

**Aurora School Ltd.
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2020**

Policy Committee Chair: Keira Hanrahan

Recording Secretary: Susan Mallory

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm, and was held virtually in compliance with COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing regulations.

Attendees: Peter Dang, Ian Gray, Jacquie Harman, Keira Hanrahan, Mary Healy, Marla Leganchuk, Susan Mallory, Janet Rockwood, Monique Wilson

2. AGENDA

The October 7, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting agenda was approved as presented.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The September 9, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

4. POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

- **BP/AR 6030 – Entrance Age of Kindergarten**

This policy is to be repealed as the information is out of date and requirements can be found in BP6000 – Admittance.

**Reminder to update AR6000 with weighted lottery of 10% with new Charter language*

Recommendation: Present to the Board of Directors for first reading to repeal policy at the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting.

- **BP2030 – Communication Plan**

Updates to this policy are a required recommendation in our Charter Evaluation, and needs to expedited. Policy passed first reading September 18, 2019.

Recommendation: Present BP2030 for second reading at the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting.

- **BP 5120 – Staff Professional Development**

The Board shall notify the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) whenever BP5120 Staff Professional Development is reviewed, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Policy Committee has added a paragraph to BP5120 under guidelines to reflect this. The ATA will receive the earliest possible notice of meeting date Policy 5120 to be reviewed.

Recommendation: Present BP5120 for second reading at the October 21, Board Meeting.

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- **BP 7071 – Human Sexuality**

Revisions made to policy to be compliant with Alberta Education curriculum. Wording revision requested by the Board, and now reads as follows:

'According to the AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9), upon written parent/or guardian request, a student may will be withdrawn from the human sexuality portion of the Health program and be given alternate Health learning studies at the discretion of by the teacher.'

Recommendation: Present BP7071 for third and final reading at October 21, 2020 Board meeting

- **AR 6170 – Extended Absences**

Administrative Regulation 6170 has been updated to reflect current policy and procedures. Discussion centered around the following points:

- Teacher feedback regarding zero mark
- Policy needs to stand the test of time
- Should not be a behavioral incentive
- AR references final exams only, and not intended to create extra work for teachers
- Discussed Guideline 2Eii. *'Missed material will not be retaught'* added to 2Eii
- It was suggested that a corporate view should be developed.
- Concerns raised that not enough time was given to review proposed changes.
 - Edits were done in policy meeting, but further dialogue and teacher feedback can be gathered over upcoming weeks leading up to the October 21 board meeting.

Recommendation: Present AR6170 for information and discussion at the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting

5. NEXT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 4, 2020 (4:00 – 5:00pm)

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Policy Committee meeting ended at 4:57pm on October 7, 2020.