



**Halifax Regional School Board
Policy Development and Review Committee
Minutes
March 19, 2014
7:30 Pm**

Meeting was held this date in the Board Chambers,
33 Spectacle Lake, Dartmouth, NS.

PRESENT: Bridget Boutilier Dave Wright
Nancy Jakeman Christy Linders
Cindy Littlefair Melinda Daye
Steve Warburton Gin Yee

Chris Abraham, Student Advisor
Alan Lowe, Senior Executive Director, Public Schools

REGRETS: Kirk Arsenault
Denise Bell, Regional Education Officer
Terri Thompson, Director, Financial Services
Sheryl Blumenthal-Harrison
Danielle McNeil-Hessian, Director, School Administration

STAFF: Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
Gary Adams, Senior Staff Advisor
Selena Henderson, Corporate Secretary
Ron Heiman, Director, Operations Services
Tracey Jones-Grant, Coordinator, Diversity Management
Mike Christie, Director, Human Resource Services
Alison Leverman, Director, Program
Doug Hadley, Coordinator, Communications
Vicki Palmeto, Assistant to the Corporate Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order 7:46 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Yee) that the Committee approve the agenda.
(CARRIED)

3. Approval of Minutes

February 12 , 2014

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the minutes/business arising from the minutes of the February 12, 2014, Policy Development and Review Committee meetings be approved as amended.

(CARRIED)

4. Future Policy Topics

5. Policy Review:

- **Employment and Supervision of Family Members Policy**
Mike Christie, Director, Human Resource Services, provided a review of the draft Employment and Supervision of Family Members Policy for the Committee. The Committee provided feedback and suggested revisions. The Committee recommended that the Director of Human Resources take the policy to the next phase of consultation.
- **Policies for Consideration**
Gary Adams, Senior Staff Advisor, led a discussion and explained why staff were suggesting rescinding the Bomb Threat Policy. The Emergency Management Plan presently covers the information in the Bomb Threat Policy. The Committee asked questions of clarification.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Boutilier) that the Committee recommend to the Governing Board that the Bomb Threat Policy be rescinded.

(CARRIED)

Alison Leverman, Director of Program, discussed the Fine Arts Policy and explained why staff were recommending that the policy be rescinded. The Governing Board asked questions and discussed whether to rescind the policy.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Wright) to take the Fine Arts Policy back staff for revision.

(CARRIED)

- **Next steps regarding Digital Citizenship Policy**
The Governing Board discussed what they would like the Digital Citizenship Policy to include.

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Linders) that Governing Board instruct staff to draft a Digital Citizenship Policy for the Committee to review.

(CARRIED)

6. Discussion of Policy Development and Review Committee meeting at C.P. Allen

It was discussed and decided to hold the June 11th Policy Development and Review Committee meeting at C. P. Allen High.

7. Next Meeting

April 9, 2014

8. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded (Wright/Linders) that the meeting be adjourned.

(CARRIED)

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

APPROVED