

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE
School Board Office
March 4, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Ebony Logins, Trustee (Committee Chair)
 Amanda Dowhy, Trustee (Committee member)
 Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)
 Amanda Culver, STA
 Cendra Beaton, Trustee
 Tim Hamblin, CUPE
 Melissa Horner, SPVPA
 Sandra Arnold, SPEAC
 Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO
 Monica Braniff, Deputy Superintendent
 Dave Strange, Associate Superintendent
 D’Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent

Guests: Sharon Beloin – District Vice-Principal, Inclusive Education Services, Doug Andrews – Safe Schools Program Assistant and Jamie Adair – Safe Schools Co-ordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

We are honoured to be meeting on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, specifically Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, and acknowledge the three nations SD62 works with directly in our schools: Sc’ianew Nation, and T’Sou-ke Nation; including the West Coast Pacheedaht Nation, Nuuchahnulth. (words gifted by the three nations SD62 works with)

2. **Opening Remarks from Chair, Ebony Logins**

The Committee Chair welcomed the group and as this is the first in person meeting for the Committee Chair, the invitation was given to the committee members and guests to introduce themselves.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORT** of February 4, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting

The committee report for the February 4, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting was received by the committee. No errors or omissions were noted.

4. **BAA COURSE PROPOSALS**

There were no BAA course proposals for this meeting.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Safe Schools Washington Kids Foundation Presentation – Sharon Beloin

Sharon was joined by Doug Andrews and Jamie Adair to present on the work of the Safe Schools department. The team presented on the work being done in collaboration with the Washington Kids Foundation. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback.

6. **REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

a. Draft Revised Policy and Regulations C-316 “Safe Schools” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft revised Policy and Regulations C-316. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. Feedback was welcomed and recorded for consideration in addition to any additional feedback that may follow should the Board give Notice of Motion.

Of note was a request that the district, when updating policy related to Learning Resources, applies the same lens to ensure resources are vetted to limit violent content and lessen the risk of inciting violence.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-316 “Safe Schools”.

b. Draft New Policy and Regulations C-318 “Sexual Misconduct” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft new Policy and Regulations C-318. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. Feedback was welcomed and recorded for consideration in addition to any additional feedback that may follow should the Board give Notice of Motion.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft new Policy and Regulations C-318 “Sexual Misconduct”.

c. Draft Revised Policy and Regulations C-319 “Student Suspension” – Paul Block

The Superintendent presented the draft revised Policy and Regulations C-319. The presentation was well received and was followed with discussion, questions and feedback. Feedback was welcomed and recorded for consideration in addition to any additional feedback that may follow should the Board give Notice of Motion.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations C-319 “Student Suspension”.

7. **FOR INFORMATION**

8. **FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 1, 2025