

POLICY AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: December 12, 2023
Submitted by: Robin Ross, Chair, Policy and Priorities Committee
Committee Date: December 5, 2023
Report No.: PP23-08

Members: Robin Ross (Chair), Martha MacNeil, Lynn Topping, Laurie Whyte

Trustees: Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Katherine Hauser, Ralf Mesenbrink and
Page Knight (Student Trustee)

The Policy and Priorities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5:00pm. Chair Ross presided the meeting. Attendance was noted as above. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. [Reimagining Alternative Education](#)

Director Sovran underscored reimagining alternative education as a key component in realizing the board's bold vision, "to be recognized as leaders in creating unparalleled, agile, and inclusive learning experiences for all." Superintendent Zen provided an outline of the work which includes providing more opportunities for students to explore their interests and to learn in different ways through alternative education. A summary of destreamed programming for students in Grade 9 was shared. It was noted that College Heights Secondary School (CHSS) has offered various opportunities for all students with a commitment to equitable and inclusive learning and pathways and looking ahead CHSS can play a lead role in a reimagined alternative education model moving forward. Superintendent Zen provided a detailed presentation including, but not limited to, student enrolment, data informing action and community input. A timeline of next steps was shared and discussion held.

THAT the Reimagining Alternative Education in UGDSB report, dated December 5, 2023, be received; and

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ITEM FOR MONITORING

2. Policy Schedule

A policy schedule was shared with important upcoming dates noted.