

POLICY AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: January 30, 2024
Submitted by: Robin Ross, Chair, Policy and Priorities Committee
Committee Date: January 9, 2024
Report No.: PP24-01

Members: Robin Ross (Chair), Martha MacNeil, Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Lynn Topping, Laurie Whyte

Trustees: Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Katherine Hauser, Ralf Mesenbrink

The Policy and Priorities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00pm. Chair Ross presided the meeting. Attendance was noted as above. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. [Student Fees 317](#)

Policy Development Officer de Boer shared a summary of feedback received during the public consultation period as per the policy review plan. An outlined of revisions was provided. The policy was recommended to take effect for the 2024-25 school year.

The committee recommended:

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board approve revised Policy 317 – Student Fees effective September 1, 2024.

2. [Celebrations and Commemorations](#)

Policy Development Officer de Boer presented the policy development plan. The proposed new policy will outline how events and persons are recognized, celebrated, and/or commemorated in UGDSB. She also highlighted matters to be addressed in the policy including the display of flags, the board's direction on memorialization efforts at schools and other board sites, and guidelines regarding the planning and communication for celebrations in schools to ensure inclusivity for all students. An additional recommendation

to be added in the plan will state that any permanent memorials currently at schools or board sites may remain.

The committee recommended:

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board approve the Policy Development Plan for Celebrations and Commemorations.

3. [First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-Identification and Education 519](#)

Policy Development Officer de Boer shared a summary of feedback received during the public consultation period. She advised that the policy merges policies 500 and 519 as the self-identification process supports the application of resources and/or programming to self-identified students. Also noted was the rescission of policy 500 as a recommendation within the review plan previously approved.

The committee recommended:

THAT the Upper Grand District School Board approve Policy 519 – First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-Identification and Education. THAT the Upper Grand District School Board rescind Policy 500 – First Nation, Métis, Inuit Self-Identification.

ITEM FOR MONITORING

4. Community Use of Schools 200

Policy Development Officer de Boer shared a summary of feedback received through the public consultation period. An overview of revisions was presented including an extension to the policy name to include all spaces other than a school that may be available for community use. It was also noted that an edit to clause 4.6 clarifies that a Vulnerable Sector Check may be required for community use events that occur in a school prior to 6 pm on a school day.

Subsequent to the meeting more information was received to be included in the revised policy. The policy will return to the next committee meeting for consideration.

5. Policy Schedule

A policy schedule was shared with important upcoming dates noted.