

Vancouver Island West School District 84
DISTRICT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
January 8, 2018 – at School Board Office and via Teleconference

PRESENT: Chairperson Hanson, Vice-Chairperson Kennedy, Trustee Kennedy, Trustee Eastcott, Trustee Alsop, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer, Associate Director of Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER:

1:08 pm

AMENDMENT OF POLICY AND REGULATION AND/OR NEW POLICY:

Policy C.4, *Community Use of School Buses* – The Committee reviewed the feedback received concerning the proposed addition to the policy statement: “and the driver is a properly licensed School District 84 employee”. The comments received pertained to the driver’s liability which has been part of the policy since 2010 and remains. When a person volunteers to drive a vehicle, he/she is taking on the liability associated with that. Any organization wishing to use a school bus must sign a rental agreement which outlines the responsibilities and liabilities and Policy C.4 is written to protect the Board, not the driver. Because the proposed amendment is to do with the driver being a School District 84 employee, it is not about the employment relationship; rather, it is because all school districts are part of a Province-wide ICBC program which results in all deductibles and insurance practices being uniform across the Province, and the School Protection Program covers up to \$10 million for school buses being used by school district employees only. Therefore, if an organization borrows a bus, it is responsible for the bus and the driver assumes all liabilities directly in terms of following highway rules and damage to the bus, but the group should be looking after its driver as well. It is important to recognize that, even though the driver is a SD84 employee, he/she is still a volunteer acting as an agent of the organization to which they are volunteering, and must be sure that the organization is insured for the liability.

The proposed amendment will be brought forward to the public Board meeting for adoption.

POLICY REVIEW:

The Committee discussed Policy E.40, Evaluation Process for Local Education Agreement, and it was agreed to bring it forward for review at the next meeting of the Enhancement Agreement Committee.

With the exception of Policy E.44, all of the Section E policies and the Bylaws were reviewed with no changes. The District Policy Committee will meet again on February 5, 2018.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Review of Policy E.44, *District Student Award – Special Recognition of a Student, or Group of Students, with Outstanding Interests, Skills, Aptitudes or Achievements.*

ADJOURNMENT:

2:28 pm