York Catholic District School Board

MINUTES POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

September 30, 2024 (Hybrid)

In Attendance

Committee Members: In person	F. Alexander, C. Cotton, A. Grella, M. Iafrate (Chair), A. Saggese (Vice Chair)
Absent with Notice	: M. Barbieri, J. DiMeo
Other Trustees:	E. Crowe, J. Wigston
Administration: In Person	: J.Sarna, M. Brosens, A. Burnell-Gentile, J. De Faveri, J. Kotch, S. Morrow,
	J.Powers
Virtual:	A. Arcadi, A. Battick, J. Chiutsi, G. De Girolamo, K. Elgharbawy, A. Iafrate,
	C. McNeil, S. Wright
Absent with Notice:	R. Antunes
Recording:	A. McMahon
Presiding:	M. Iafrate - Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER

Committee Chair M. Iafrate opened the meeting at 6:35 pm and read the prayer.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Land Acknowledgement was read by J. Sarna.

3. ROLL CALL

All PRC Committee Members were present with the exception of Trustees Barbieri and DiMeo who were absent with notice.

4. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL N/A

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Policy 712 Flag Display on Board Premises was deferred to the December 2, 2024 PRC meeting. Policy 102 Respecting Sacred Time: Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter Monday, and Policy 220 Graduation Exercises in Elementary and Secondary Schools are to be brought to the December 2, 2024 meeting. <u>MOTION: Alexander/ Saggese</u> CARRIED

6. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST N/A

- 7. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES THAT the minutes of June 4, 2024 be approved. <u>MOTION: Alexander/Saggese</u> CARRIED
- 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING N/A
- 9. OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS N/A

10. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

N/A

11. ACTION ITEM(S):

a) Policy 311 Digital Discipleship (Student Use of Technology)

This policy was presented again by J.Sarna following public consultation. New policy mandates have been implemented in our schools. Trustee Wigston shared some student viewpoints on how they feel the new social media ban has affected their day to day experience in their school. The ban - specifically not being able to post on social media during the school day, it is believed, affects marketing of clubs and councils, student achievement, and promoting school activities and information. After much discussion which included feedback from CIO, S. Morrow, Trustees have requested that this policy returns to the December 2, 2024 PRC meeting with clearer information from the Ministry on expectations for our schools, staff, and students. **MOTION:**

CARRIED

- b) Policy 610 Cannabis, Electronic Cigarettes, Tobacco A Smoke Free Environment
 J. Sarna presented this policy following public consultation and now incorporates expectations from PPM 128.
 <u>MOTION: Cotton/Alexander</u>
 CARRIED
- c) Policy 617 Code of Conduct
 J. Sarna presented this policy following public consultation and now incorporates expectations from PPM 128.

 MOTION: Cotton/Saggese
 CARRIED

12. DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

a) Policy 120 Information Systems Security NEW

S. Morrow and J. Kotch presented this new policy whose purpose is to safeguard the reputation of the organization and to ensure that all users of YCDSB's information and information systems meet IT security and data protection requirements.

MOTION: Cotton/Crowe CARRIED

b) Policy 221 Extreme Temperatures

J.Sarna acknowledged that this policy was brought forth after discussions at the Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting. After much discussion, Trustees agreed to bring this policy to the December 2, 2024 PRC meeting after further information is gathered from York Region Public Health, the Ministry of Labour and Health Canada.

MOTION: CARRIED

c) Policy 616 Community Use of Schools

J. Sarna presented this policy. After much discussion, Trustees requested language change in parameters 3.12, 3.16 and 5.4 of the policy. Classification and schedule charts on page 58 and 59 of the procedure need revisions that would make the groupings more clear.

Policy 616 will come back to the December 2, 2024 PRC meeting.

MOTION: CARRIED

13. INFORMATION ITEM:

a) Policy 606 Catholic School Council

J. Sarna presented this policy which reflects the omission of the OAPCE representative as a necessary component of CSC. Trustees discussed revised language to better clarify the membership of an OAPCE representative on the CSC.

MOTION: Cotton/Wigston CARRIED

FUTURE MEETING DATE(S):

December 2, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: THAT the Policy Review Committee meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION: Grella/Wigston CARRIED