



Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board Meeting Highlights

November 23, 2013

OVERVIEW

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board held a public meeting on November 23, 2013 in St. John's at the District Conference Centre. At this meeting Trustees discussed a number of important topics such as policies, properties, capital priorities, terms of reference for standing committees and strategic planning.

POLICIES

The Board of Trustees passed five policies, two of which are effective immediately and three which are effective September 2014. Unless otherwise stated, policies approved by the Board are effective September 2014.

The policies effective immediately are the *Student Appeals Policy* and the *Student Suspensions Policy*. The new Student Appeals policy provides a process for a parent or caregiver who is not satisfied with a decision that has significantly impacted his or her child and wishes to appeal that decision. The Board also wanted to ensure that there was a consistent process which all schools will follow when suspending a student. These processes are now consistent for all regions. Both student appeals and student suspensions are addressed in the *Schools Act, 1997*. Both of these policies can be viewed here: [\[link\]](#).

The three approved policies which are effective September 2014 are the *Volunteers in Schools Policy*, the *Respectful Workplace Policy* and the *Signing Authority Policy*. These policies will be provided to employees for review and feedback before coming into effect. As well, administrative procedures/regulations will be developed prior to September 2014.

The Board approved the Policy Template and Policy Framework for Board Committees, as well as the Naming Convention.

PROPERTIES

The Board approved commencing processes for disposal of the former Davis Elementary in Carbonear, the former Clarenville Primary in Clarenville and the former I.J. Samson in St. John's.

Each year the Board approves a Capital Priority List which it provides to the Department of Education. This list outlines infrastructure projects the Board deems as important and would wish to proceed with pending funding approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board is developing a strategic plan for 2014-17 which will be submitted to the Provincial Government by September 2014. The Board will hold discussions with school councils on the direction of this strategic plan.

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