



DATE: March 22, 2023

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Janine Pequin, Committee Chair

GOVERNANCE POLICY: [Policy 221 – Role of the Trustee](#)
[Policy 230 – Board Committees](#)
[Policy 230 – Board Committees; Appendix B – Policy Committee](#)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: [Policy 225 – Board Responsibility and Conduct](#)
[AP250 – Student Advisory Committee](#)
[Education Act: Sections 51, 52 \(1\) \(b\)](#)
[Board Procedures Regulation 82/2019](#)
Assurance Domain – [Governance](#)

SUBJECT: Policy Committee

PURPOSE:

For information.

BACKGROUND:

The Policy Committee reviews all policies within a three year rotation or, for certain policies, on an annual basis as determined by the Board of Trustees, or by Board Committees who submit recommendations regarding the need for policy development or review of existing policies.

Policies brought before the Policy Committee are reviewed and discussed through first, second and third readings as needed. Once the Policy Committee has completed recommended amendments, the Committee Chair refers the policy to a Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The initiation and/or adoption of new Board policies and revisions and/or rescission of existing policies is solely the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT SUMMARY:

The Policy Committee held a meeting on March 1, 2023. The following is a summary of that meeting:

- *Policy 900 – Student Conduct and Discipline* was reviewed in November, January and March. The intent was to consider a clause that would address Personal Communication Devices. The current version has also been reviewed by the Administrative Council of Principals.
 - The Policy Committee has referred this policy to the March 22, 2023, Public Board meeting for review and approval.
- *Policy 810 – Off-Site Activities* was reviewed. The addition of language to indicate that the Superintendent or designate will also consider the learning objectives for off-site trips was added.
 - The Policy Committee has referred this policy to the March 22, 2023, Public Board meeting for review and approval.



- *Policy 905 - Awards Policy - Students* was reviewed. Consideration and discussion was given to adding a clause that would expand this policy to ensure schools also recognize individuals, communities, organizations or businesses that have significantly advanced the Vision, Mission and Values of Sturgeon Public Schools. The Committee has asked that Principals review the proposed changes at the March 15, 2023, Administrative Council and bring feedback to the next meeting.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023.

The Policy Committee Chair is prepared to respond to questions at the March 22, 2023, Public Board meeting.