

Mr. Frank highlighted key budget issues with the committee which included no anticipated increase in Ministry of Education funding and potential new costs and inflationary cost pressures.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Contract Award Appointment of Auditors

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank informed the committee that a tender for audit services was recently completed and recommended that the successful proponent PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, a world class audit firm with public sector education experience in BC, be appointed as the district's auditors for the three fiscal years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. The committee discussed the appointment of auditors in detail and agreed to recommend the following motion:

THAT the Board approve the firm PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the district's auditors for the three fiscal years 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.

4. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

POLICY COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, January 27, 2015

The Policy Committee met on November 24, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair) and Baljinder Narang, Superintendent of Schools, Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Frank and Jen Mezei, DPAC Representative.

1. Emergency Preparedness Policy Draft Policy No. 3.35

The committee reviewed the revised draft to Policy No. 3.35 Emergency Preparedness which was developed to combine the existing and policies. The proposed revisions now reflect a broader scope of Emergency Preparedness being developed so that Management and School Principals can ensure that emergency protocols are created, practised, revised and maintained for the buildings and staff in which they oversee. The committee discussed the revised draft policy and regulations in detail and will bring back further edits to the next Policy Committee prior to being circulated as Notice of Motion.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Positive School and Work Climate

The committee reviewed Policy No. 5.08 Positive School Climate to propose changes to update the policy. Some of the recommended changes would include the current Intervention Committee and its composition of members as well as Administrative

4. Policy No. 1.00 Foundational Statement

Staff brought the district's current Policy No. 1.00 Foundational Statement for the committee to review. The policy outlines the district's Mission Statement, Primary Purpose and Goal and Values and Beliefs. The committee reviewed the policy in detail. The committee recommends that the policy remain as is with a minor edit to the term of the Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information and that the revision as outlined be approved for insertion in the policy.

5. Whistle Blower Protection Policy

The committee reviewed other districts' current Whistle Blower Protection Policies to determine if the district should implement a similar policy for Burnaby. Staff will develop a draft Whistle Blower Protection Policy for the committee to review at a future meeting of the Policy Committee.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Policy Committee meeting is to be determined.