



January 14, 2026

Policy & Governance Standing Committee

Minutes

The Waterloo Region District School Board held a Policy & Governance Standing Committee Meeting this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Education Centre Boardroom, with the following members in attendance:

S. Estoesta, M. Radlein (Chair of the Board), J. Weston and K. Woodcock.

Trustee J. Meissner was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Student Trustees K. Kaur and K. Trivedi were in attendance.

The following senior administration members were in attendance: S. Miller (Director of Education and Secretary).

Other staff in attendance: S. Reidel.

Call to Order

Committee Chair S. Estoesta called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

1. Moved by J. Weston, seconded by M. Radlein:

That the agenda of the January 14, 2026, Policy & Governance Standing Committee Meeting be approved.

-Carried-

Announcements

Chair S. Estoesta shared regrets from Trustee J. Meissner.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

There were no delegations scheduled.

Staff Follow Up

There was no staff follow up.

Reports

Board Policy 2005 - Third Party Support For Caregivers, Families And Parents

Recommended changes include an updated title (formerly Parent/Guardian or Caregiver Support), updated language, and additional resources provided through related references.

2. Moved by M. Radlein, seconded by J. Weston:

That the Policy & Governance Standing Committee recommend approval of Board Policy 2005 - Third Party Support For Caregivers, Families And Parents as presented at the January 14, 2026 Policy & Governance Standing Committee meeting.

-Carried-

Trustee K. Woodcock joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading

Recommended changes include updated language and the addition of replacing trees with suitable native species where possible.

3. Moved by K. Woodcock, seconded by J. Weston:

That the Policy & Governance Standing Committee recommend approval of Board Policy 2011 - Sun Safety and Shading as presented at the January 14, 2026 Policy & Governance Standing Committee meeting.

-Carried-

Board Policy 5008 - Staff Dress

Recommended changes include:

- an updated title (formerly Staff Dress Code)
- reflecting the WRDSB's commitment to Human Rights and an inclusive working environment

- professional and safety standards

4. Moved by J. Weston, seconded by M. Radlein:

That the Policy & Governance Standing Committee recommend approval of Board Policy 5008 - Staff Dress as presented at the January 14, 2026 Policy & Governance Standing Committee meeting.

-Carried-

Board Reports

There were no Board reports.

Question Period for Members

There were no questions posed.

Rise & Reconvene

5. Moved by M. Radlein, seconded by J. Weston:

That the Policy & Governance Standing Committee Meeting of January 14, 2026, rise and reconvene in a working meeting.

-Carried-

The meeting rose to reconvene to the working meeting at 6:11 p.m.