
To: Policy Committee

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Subject: Transportation Policy Review Consultation

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Purpose and Background

The purpose of this briefing note is to report on the results of the community consultations regarding the proposed revisions to Policy 21 – Bus and Van Transportation (See attachment 1), for consideration by the Policy Committee.

An in-person open house was completed in each of the three zones (North, Central, South), as well as a 4th virtual open house. At these meetings, I presented the following contextual information:

- the current transportation policy;
- issues and concerns we have heard;
- what we learned from the provincial transportation survey (of other BC school districts) and review of other BC school district policies;
- what we learned from the transportation survey to parents, students and staff; and,
- the proposed policy amendments and resulting service changes anticipated.

A copy of the presentation is included for reference as attachment 2. At each meeting, the following questions were posed to participants for feedback and discussion.

1. Do the proposed policy amendments reflect the concerns identified to date and the direction from the policy committee (i.e. the direction from the January 2023 policy committee meeting)?
2. Is there anything else that should be considered?

Consultation Results

At the in-person meetings, feedback was provided in the meetings (to the extent there was time for table discussion), and through a follow-up survey. The feedback received from the in-person meetings is included as attachments 3, 4, and 5.

For the virtual meeting, feedback was received through a follow-up survey and is included as attachment 6.

A theme noted in the open house meetings (both in the feedback and questions) was the view by many that students attending the French Immersion Program should have equal access to transportation. This feedback related more to existing policy language rather than the proposed policy revisions, although the proposed changes to policy will likely decrease available space for courtesy riders (including those attending a French Immersion program).

Other correspondence relating to the proposed policy revisions are included as attachment 7.

More background information on the policy review can be found in the September 2023 briefing to committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: 1 - Proposed Amendments to Policy 21 (Bus & Van Transportation)

- 2 - Open House Presentation
- 3 - North Zone Open House Feedback
- 4 - South Zone Open House Feedback
- 5 - Central Zone Open House Feedback
- 6 - Virtual Open House Feedback
- 7 – Other Related Correspondence