

## **Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) MEETING MINUTES**

February 26, 2025

- Attending:** Kristin Schnider-Trustee Chair, Gary Wong-Trustee, Richard Per-Assistant Superintendent, Beth Applewhite-District Principal, Suzanne Vardy-Safe & Caring Schools, Dan Adrian-Secondary Vice-Principal, Lindsay Holliday-Elementary Principal, Joanna Pallister-CUPE, Tammy Chesman-CUPE, Gaby Maiol-DPAC parent, Trinity Bissett-DPAC parent, Preet Lidder-BTA Vice-President, Juliet Brown-SOGI Teacher Lead, Danica Black- BTA Counsellor, Jasper Kessler-Teacher BTA Elementary, Shanee Prasad-Teacher BTA Secondary
- Students:** Khoi F. – Byrne Creek
- Regrets:** Jasper Kessler, Trustee Wong, Danica Black
- Minutes:** Suzanne Vardy

### **1. Welcome/ Introductions – Richard Per**

### **2. SOGI Lead Update – Juliet Brown**

- Diversity Dance – Wednesday next week; about 120 tickets sold to date.
- IDAHAT – Jaylene Tyme booked: grant from BTA.
- Working with elementary schools; longer term project working towards culture change
- Presentation to PVP's on Friday, February 28, 2025

### **3. SOGI Policy (DRAFT) – Trustee Schnider**

- Draft update of policy shared. Changed from Policy 5.45 to Policy 17; updated language including acronym; added Reconciliation lens.
- Richard reminded us how policies are important when speaking with parents and others as they are statements of what the board believes.
- Has gone out for notice of motion; will go for approval at the March 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### **4. Admin Procedures – Richard Per**

- Admin procedures shared by Richard. AP was written based on draft policy; feedback from committee members was given.
- Revised policy and admin procedures that go with it.

5. **Discussion of Roles – Richard Per**

- Reviewed roles of each group.
- Roles will be sent out to the committee members.

6. **Student Voice – Khoi F.**

- Byrne GSA currently focused on supporting the dance.

***Next meeting April 30, 2025***