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Key Policies Approved/Updated at Public Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District approved or updated six key policies during its regular public meeting, held Saturday, January 26 at the District Conference Centre in St. John's, and broadcast live on the District website.

“Ongoing policy development in areas where the Board has jurisdiction is among our most important responsibilities as trustees,” said Goronwy Price, Chair of the Board. “It can be a challenging process, as each policy must work for all schools, and all employees, in all regions of a province where local school communities can differ quite substantially. Our policies must also, of course, align with federal and provincial legislation and policy.”

When a single English school district was established in September 2013, the four regions continued to operate under the policies of their predecessor boards until province-wide policies could be developed and communicated with stakeholders. Since that time, 55 policies - along with administrative procedures/regulations and associated documents - have been approved.

Saturday's meeting saw new policies approved for Student Athletics, Student Travel, Occupational Health and Safety, and Performance Accountability and Professional Growth (Management). It also saw approval of a Cannabis and Smoke-Free policy (an update to the former Tobacco-free Policy) and a revised Student Search and Seizure policy to reflect changes to legislation governing the use of cannabis. All District policies can be viewed here: <https://www.nlesd.ca/about/policies.jsp>.

The meeting also saw discussion on progress made in Year 2 of the Board's current Strategic Plan; updates on current school infrastructure projects, and on the District's efforts to address recommendations contained in the September 2018 Auditor General's Report.

A recording of the Nov. 3 Board meeting is available at www.nlesd.ca.

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