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POLICY AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

REPORT

Presented to:	Board of Trustees
Submitted on:	November 10, 2026
Submitted by:	Chair Ross
Date:	November 3, 2026
Report No.:	PP26-08

Members Present:	Martha MacNeil, Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Lynn Topping
Absent:	Laurie Whyte
Other Trustees Present:	Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Ralf Mesenbrink, Student Trustees Tavleen Rattan and Keira Perot

The Policy and Priorities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 5:03 p.m. Chair Ross presided over the meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Item 6.1 – EQAO Report

Claudine Tyrell, Superintendent of Student Achievement, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) 2025-26 Results noting that Grade 3 achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics has improved for three consecutive years. Grade 6 achievement remains strong in reading and writing, while mathematics requires continued attention. Planned responses include early math assessments, diagnostic tools, priority school identification, and early reading teachers to inform improvement efforts. Accountability measures will focus on reviewing exemption practices and strengthening consistency and monitoring to ensure interventions improve student learning.

The Committee recommends:

That the EQAO Results 2025-26 presentation be received.

Item 6.2(a) - Policy 606 – Assessment and Evaluation

Claudine Tyrell, Superintendent of Student Achievement, provided a verbal presentation regarding the review of Policy 606 – Assessment and Evaluation and its associated procedures. As the Ministry of Education's Growing Success document establishes the provincial requirements for assessment, evaluation, and reporting, the local policy and procedures were considered redundant. Rescinding the policy would streamline the board's administrative framework without affecting classroom practices or student assessment and reporting.

The Committee recommends:

That Policy 606 titled Assessment and Evaluation, attached as Appendix A to the report, dated November 3, 2026, be rescinded.

Item 6.2(b) - Policy 705 - Investments

Scott Keys, Chief Financial Officer, provided a verbal presentation regarding the policy review for Policy 705 – Investments noting that the proposed revision replaces the existing Investments policy with a broader Financial Activities policy covering banking, investments, borrowing, and signing authority. The revisions modernize the policy to reflect current practices and responsibilities while maintaining compliance with applicable legislation and regulations. As the changes are administrative in nature, no public consultation was undertaken.

The Committee recommends:

That Policy 705 titled Investments, attached as Appendix A to the report, dated November 3, 2026 be approved as Policy 705 – Financial Activities.