

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 2018

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 7:00 a.m. at the ASC office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m.

Present: Chair Greg Harris, Fanny Vlahos, Jacklyn Cadard, Jayne Yudzentis, Kari Cremascoli, Jill Samonte, Katie Novosel, Jason Suchy, Michael Krugman, and Melissa Jerves.

Absent: Liz Davis, Melissa Bocker Ellis, Chris Hanley

Also in attendance were Justin Sisul, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Todd Drafall, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Carrie Blonigen; Mark White and Marla Gilbert.

Open Meetings Act review

The committee briefly reviewed the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Approval of Minutes

Katie Novosel moved and Jayne Yudzentis seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Policy 6000 – Instruction – School Accountability

Revisions to this policy bring it in line with current law (updating from No Child Left Behind to ESSA).

Policy 6003.2 – Instruction – Education – Migrant Students

Aligning with PRESS and current District practice.

Policy 6003.3 – Instruction – Education – Limited English Proficient Students

Aligning with PRESS, School Code and current District practice.

Policy 6060 – Instruction – Curriculum Content

New policy is required by state law regarding physical education and cursive writing instruction. Makes sense to include all major areas of instruction.

Policy 6110 – Instruction – Instructional Service – Textbooks and Materials

Bulk of language is new to this policy, reflecting current practice and the PRESS model. Includes new requirement of providing an annual list of textbooks and instructional materials to the School Board.

Policy 6130 – Instruction – Program for the Gifted

New policy required by state law. District already has an Administrative Regulation

with details and admission criteria. Legal references will be added to the policy.

Policy 6135 – Instruction – Accelerated Placement Program

This policy captures many practices already in place within the District regarding acceleration in a single subject, grade level acceleration, and early entrance to kindergarten or first grade. Assessment process includes multiple indicators.

Policy 5111 – Students – Student Promotion

To align it with Policy 6135, the following sentence should be removed: *"Students may be accelerated more than one grade level when in the judgment of the professional staff such a plan is in the best educational interests of the students."*

Policy 8020 – Internal Board Operations – Principles Basic to Effective Operation

A section on School District Governance is added to align with PRESS.

Policy 8024 – Internal Board Operations – Powers and Duties of the School Board

This is a new policy based on PRESS model and reflecting current practice.

Policy 8030 – Internal Board Operations – School District Legal Status

Revisions to this policy reflect a clean up of language.

Next Steps in Policy Manual Revision

The committee will continue to review policies that may need updating to comply with GATA. Personnel policies will be next: 4001.1, 4006, 4007, 4009, 4011, 4100, 4121, 4138, 4141.1. Policies 5101.1 and 5102 regarding early admission to kindergarten and first grade will also be reviewed to align with the policy on accelerated placement.

Reception of Visitors

There were no visitor comments.

To do:

- Place Policies #6000, 6003.2, 6003.3, 6060, 6110, 8020, 8024, and 8030 on October Board agenda for first reading.
- Hold Policies #6130, 6135 and 5111 for further review of policies and administrative regulations regarding early admission to kindergarten and first grade.

Katie Novosel moved and Michael Krugman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 a.m.