

Policy Committee

Minutes

December 1, 2015

6:00 PM @ SAU Offices

Members	Rich Cahoon – Chair, Janine Lesser, Dick Dunning, Kimberly Saunders Attending Members: Dick Dunning, Kimberly Saunders, Rich Cahoon, Janine Lesser, Guests: Stephan Morrissey, Pierce Rigrod, Myron Steere Ian Cahoon attended as part of his work towards his Eagle rank.	
I.	Approval of November 17, 2015 Minutes	
1.2	Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Rich Cahoon	
	<p><u>Old Business:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BEDH: Public Participation at Board Meetings – going for a 1st read on 12/1/152. ILBA: Assessment of Educational Programs – going for a 2nd read on 12/1/153. Policy Creation Process – Kimberly presented the process to the committee for discussion. Kimberly explained the 12-step process. Rich indicated we could strike #1, as we should have revised all 1991 policies. Carol will check to ensure we have addressed all 1991 policies. <p>Rich would like to break down the direction of how policies are looked at. Curriculum going to Education Committee, fiscal related topics go to B & P, etc. Janine feels Policy committee should not be making policy decisions that have nothing to do with this committee. Where does the authority lie?</p> <p>For example a graduation dress code, Janine feels the building principal should go to the Board with his request. Or, do we report out at the Board meeting, to let Board members know what is happening and if they have strong feelings about this.</p> <p>Rich will begin filling out the form for the Board meeting, Committee reports, mostly for new policies or a substantive revision. For example, a change in Graduation requirements should go to Education Committee (Rich). Reporting out at the Board meeting will give everyone fair notice of what is being considered. If a policy request makes it to the Policy committee, does that mean it has the Administration’s approval. Kimberly indicated yes, that is usually the case. Rich would like to see the District staff use a chain of command when they have concerns regarding a pending policy. Janine spoke of a form that DHHS uses that organizes the process from the very beginning...at its inception. Kimberly is willing to look at Janine’s process to see if it is something that we can implement. Janine feels this form/request should be available to all people, not just staff. We could make this form available on our website. Janine will send the form to Kimberly. Carol read from policy GBK, which identified the chain of command process. Rich suggested we change the name of GBK. Kimberly will look at this to rework title.</p>	

	<p>Other:</p> <p>Kimberly announced that Brian Pickering is not ready to make any changes to the graduation requirements this year. Dick asked if Brian is looking for a Graduation dress code policy. Kimberly believes he is.</p> <p>Myron suggested having students wear uniforms. Rich indicated that won't start here (in Policy). Dick D suggested cap and gowns. Rich explained the history behind the request for this policy request. Rich feels there will be public feedback if we do adopt a graduation dress code policy.</p> <p>Pierce spoke of his tour of ConVal, and asked what is the policy for affectional contact? Kimberly indicated we do not have a policy on this and she recommended that the Board stay away from this. Pierce should speak to Brendan and Brendan will speak with the Building Principal. Dick D. indicated there is no way to enforce a policy like this. One can set a tone, but it takes constant supervision. This is not new activity.</p> <p>Myron spoke about a complaint he received on the new Cheerleading uniforms. Some schools do have a dress code.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn made by Dick Dunning. Motion seconded by Janine Lesser. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.</p>	
IV.	<p>Future Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy on Parents Observing Teachers • Scholarship policy 	
V.	Next Meeting: December 15, 2015 @ GBS Library	