Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Maria Barth, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Wendy DiFruscio, James Morse

Visitors: 0

Called to order at 3:30 by Jim Morse who explained that since their "Charge" was approved at the last School Board Meeting he called for nominations for a chair for this committee. Denise Day nominated Maria Barth, seconded by Kenny Rotner. Vote unanimous 3-0.

Maria took over the meeting and began with Policy BBAA – School Board Member Authority - which was sent back to the Policy Committee from the School Board for review. The School Board felt that this policy needed clarification as it was too vague especially as it relates to actions allowable by a subcommittee. She noted that the School Board have a public hearing on this policy during the June 3rd School Board meeting. Revisions made and will be sent for a first read.

Policy BDF – Advisory Committees to the Board – again this policy was sent back to the Policy Committee from the School Board for clarification and revisions. This policy will also have a public hearing during the June 3rd School Board meeting. Denise stated that this policy seemed confusing in some area and needed to be revised. Discussion ensued, revisions made and is now ready for first read by the School Board.

Policy –JLCF – Student Wellness -This policy was reviewed by the Wellness Committee for submission to the State for federal funds. The Wellness Committee asked if the Policy Committee would review page 10 for a language change of one word from "discouraged" to "prohibited" so that it could be included in the District grant application. Policy Committee agreed to this verbiage change and this will be sent to the School Board for a first read.

Policy IHCA – Summer Activities - This policy was categorized as a priority, reviewed by the committee and no changes were made. Review status will be placed on the policy.

Policy – IHCD – Advanced Coursework/Advanced Placement Courses- Questions asked as to what the current practice is. Discussion ensued as to the possibility of adding a line in the future to the budget to help students with fees. Corrections made to this policy and it is ready for first read.

Policy –IK – Earning of Credit – This policy was reviewed by administration with the only change being the addition of one sentence from the NHSBA version to be included in the existing policy. Committee compared both versions and agree to the addition. Questions asked as to how parents could locate these competencies if they wished to review them. It was decided that a central location (library) in each building will be used to house these documents and this verbiage will be added to the policy. This policy is ready for a first read by the School Board.

Policy IKA – Grading System – Existing policy compared to the NHSBA version. No changes made. Review status will be placed on the policy.

Meeting ended at 4:20 PM – Next meeting to be June 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy L. DiFruscio