

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

4:30 p.m.

District Office Board Room

Attendees: Peggy Kelland, John S. Morgan, Eddy A. Slosower (arrived 4:31 p.m.), John Lumia (ex-officio), Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro

Guests: Dr. Michelle Cardwell, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Jim Drohan, Attorney (left at 4:53 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Peggy Kelland.
There was one community member in attendance.

1. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the March 2 minutes, as stated. Motion by John Lumia, second by John Morgan. Vote taken.
Yes: Peggy Kelland, John Morgan, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro
Not Present at Vote: Eddy Slosower
Motion carried.

Motion to amend the agenda to deal with Policy 4513 - Library Materials Selection

Motion by John Lumia, second by Eddy Slosower. Vote taken.

Yes: Peggy Kelland, Eddy Slosower, John Morgan, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro

Motion carried.

2. **Policy for Discussion**

4513 - Library Materials Selection	Public Comment - Requested that the Policy Committee consider revisions to Policy 4513 which currently permits anyone to file a complaint about library materials. In addition, the community member wondered if the same people made up the Instructional Review Committee (IRC) for every complaint and if there were any protections as far as revealing the identity of those individuals who served on the IRC to the public.
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	<p>The Policy Committee discussed the recommended changes to the policy which included revisions that would permit any resident, taxpayer, or parent including non-custodial parents and parents of homeless students to file a complaint regarding library materials.</p> <p>The committee discussed whether this change would impact other policies, such as the Public Participation policy and who would be allowed to make a public comment at the mic. The school attorney explained that there are First Amendment rights that impact a public forum such as a board meeting; however, the Board could limit who may file a complaint.</p> <p>The makeup of the IRC depends on the nature of the complaint. If the complaint is about a library material, then a librarian would be included on the committee. If, for example, the complaint was related to a secondary instructional textbook, a secondary teacher would be invited to the committee. A sign in sheet is maintained for committee meetings and the names who participate would be subject to FOIL and be released by the district.</p> <p>The committee discussed keeping and re-wording #3 to underscore the value the district has for the input of librarians who may wish to express concerns about censorship of a material.</p> <p>Motion to recommend this policy for First Reading was made by John Morgan, second by Daren Lolkema. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, John Morgan, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>4710 - Grading Systems</p>	<p>The District is working to create an uniform grading system. For example: Tests - 30% Homework - 10% Final Exam - 10%</p>

	<p>Class Participation - 5%</p> <p>Every course should have a grading system. The District is looking toward structuring it across departments to ensure equity and uniformity.</p> <p>It was important to committee members that teachers be included in the system established for grading. Therefore, the committee added the following in bold:</p> <p>Classroom teachers in grades 7-12 will evaluate students and assign grades according to the systems established by the department, inclusive of teachers, and are consistent across content areas.</p> <p>A paragraph was also added to the policy to address teacher parent communications.</p> <p>Motion to recommend this policy for First Reading was made by John Lumia, second by John Morgan. Vote taken. Yes: Peggy Kelland, John Morgan, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
Weighted Grades	<p>This is a new policy that was developed based on the current practice.</p> <p>The committee discussed that there is a difference in rigor between college credit coursework and AP courses. It was suggested that AP courses receive a higher weight than courses for college credit.</p> <p>Dr. Cardwell requested additional time to compare the curriculum of Math/Science/ELA/Social Students AP courses and DCC college credit courses.</p> <p>Motion to table the Weighted Grades policy with continued discussion was made by Eddy Slosower, second by John Morgan. Vote taken.</p>

	<p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, John Morgan, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>
<p>4740 - Honor Roll</p>	<p>The committee discussed the confusion that some parents have by aligning a student who is on Honor Roll with Honors Level Courses.</p> <p>The committee briefly discussed whether the designation should be kept as “Honor Roll” or changed to “Academic Excellence or Academic Recognition”. All the other districts use the name “Honor Roll”. Another idea is changing the course names to remove the word “Honor”.</p> <p>Motion to table Policy 4740 Honor Roll with continued discussion was made by John Morgan, second by Eddy Slosower. Request this be item 1 on the next meeting agenda.</p> <p>Vote taken.</p> <p>Yes: Peggy Kelland, John Morgan, Eddy Slosower, John Lumia, Daren Lolkema, Alberta Pedro Motion carried.</p>

3. Next Meeting Date

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m. in-person at the District Office.** Dr. Michelle Cardwell will be invited to attend.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.