



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2012

Central Office

7:00 P.M.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Kristen Harmeling, Jay Hatfield, Yashu Putorti, MaryAnne Mascolo, Fred Dorsey

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Ms. Mascolo explained that the election of the chairperson was inadvertently left off the agenda and cannot be added as an item; therefore no election can take place.

1. Review of Revisions and Possible Action on the following policies

- a. 4118.55 Social Networking by Staff
4118.55 Administrative Regulations Regarding Use of Social Media

Ms. Mascolo explained to the new members of the policy members the process used to come up with a policy whether it come from CABE or as in the case of Social Networking from Shipman & Goodwin. Concerns were raised regarding the "friending" of students, parents, or guardians by teachers and the section of the policy that prohibits "official" notifications of meetings, activities, announcements, etc. A wording change was proposed that read "It is not appropriate for teachers and administrators to friend a student. Teachers and Administrators should be cautious in their relationships with parents or guardians." The committee will review the changes and then send to the full board.

- b. 5114 Student Discipline

Several changes to this policy were suggested by the policy committee members. After a discussion was held, some members felt unprepared to discuss this policy at this time because they have not compared it to the existing policy. Ms. Mascolo suggested that Fred Dorsey review this policy and make suggestions for changes. This policy will be brought back to the committee at a later date.

- c. 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention

There was a long discussion regarding off campus conduct. There was a clarification on the term bullying and it was suggested that the term "repeatedly" should be used liberally. There was a brief discussion on the reporting process and the recordkeeping procedure. Changes were made to make this a regulation rather than a policy. A discussion on the definition of "employee" took place and Ms. Mascolo felt it was better to stay away from listing the "kinds" of employees. Ms. Mascolo described the training employees received. The committee will review the changes and then send to the full board.

d. 6154(a) Regulation - Homework

To develop the best policy regulation possible, a Homework Committee was created to represent a cross section of the teachers. There was a discussion on the requirement to have homework assignments posted on teachers' webpage and the responsibility of teachers to communicate with parents of children who are falling behind in completing homework assignments. Ms. Mascolo will check with the committee on the definition of "falling behind". After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that #6 should be deleted or sent back to the Homework Committee for more clarification. The committee will review the changes and then send to the full board.

2. Chairman's Report

None

3. Superintendent's Report

None

MOTION: (Ms. Harmeling/sec., Mr. Putorti) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Ms. Harmeling, Mr. Hatfield, Mr. Putorti

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
MaryAnne Mascolo