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Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 9:30 AM

Attendees: Maria Barth, Megan Turnbull, Ann Lane, Jim Morse, Todd Allen, Corey Parker, Wendy DiFruscio
Visitors: 2

Call to Order 9:40 AM by Maria Barth

Meeting began with Jim introducing Karen L. and the Foreign Exchange student who made of request to speak with the policy committee regarding amending the existing graduation policy. Karen has asked if the policy can be amended to allow foreign exchange students to receive an honorary degree and walk in the graduation ceremony. She also referred to samples of policies that she provided as additional back up information. The Foreign exchange students explained her request as being a big honor to walk in the ceremony and wear the cap and gown with all of the friends she has made this year. Karen explained that she is a good student and made the honor roll last semester.

Todd explained that the current policy is clear in what is required for graduation and that these are the guidelines that are followed for participation in graduation. He explained some examples from the previous year that he had encountered.

Discussion ensued. Jim directed Todd to review the existing policy and the samples provided and refine the existing policy to be returned to the policy committee at their next meeting for further discussion.

Jim explained to Karen and the student the procedure that would need to be followed by the policy committee and the School Board if changes were to be made to this policy. He thanked them for their input. Karen and the student left the meeting at this time.

Jim explained to the committee that Todd and Corey were bringing forward three existing policies for revision.

Policy KCD – Gifts to Schools. This policy is very restrictive in its wording. In terms of donations to the District, they would like to acknowledge these donations with an appropriate means of appreciation. Most donations are by individual community members or community organizations. Discussion ensued. Todd and Corey will revise this policy to take into consideration the policy committee suggestions and bring it back at the next policy meeting.

Policy FF – Naming of Facilities. This policy was also brought forward for revision by Todd Allen and Corey Parker. They would like to remove the phrase “including athletic fields” from the second paragraph as they feel the wording too restrictive. They will revise and return to the policy committee at their next meeting.

Policy KHB – Advertising in the Schools. This is the third policy that Todd Allen and Corey Parker will revise and also bring back to the policy committee at their next meeting for review before going to the full Board.

Policy BHC – Board-Employee Communications. This policy was sent back to the policy committee by the School Board for additional review and revision. The policy will be amended as discussed and be sent to the School Board for a first read at their next meeting.

Policy BGF – Suspension of Policies. This is a new NHSBA policy that was requested by the School Board to review and revise for adoption. Revisions were made and will be brought to the Board for a first read at their next meeting.

At this point a list of outstanding policies were reviewed by the committee for further action. Ann Lane will select a few from this list that need immediate review and request that they be put on the next two policy meeting agendas.

Meeting ended at 11:10 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2013 at 10:00 AM.