

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 3:30 PM

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

Visitors: Corey Parker, AD – ORHS

Called to order at 3:30 by Dr. Morse

The agenda is for policies returned for input from the administration/staff of the ORCSD for re-review by policy committee.

Policy GCCBC – Family & Medical Leave Act – This policy was returned to the committee for review and revisions made by the HR Coordinator. Clarifying questions were asked about the language change. Superintendent Morse explained these changes. Ready for first read by the School Board.

Policy JLCJ– Concussions and Head Injuries – This is a required policy that the District needs to adopt. Corey Parker, Athletic Director along with the athletic trainer reviewed the NHSBA version of this policy and made changes. Corey outlined the changes made and answered questions from the committee. Some questions pertaining to this policy were the requirements for returning students. Is there a limit to the number of concussions that a student can have. Corey will do additional research as to whether there is a certain number of concussions in a high school career that that you cannot go above. There was also a revision made to include all students in the District and not just athletes. This policy will be revised and Corey will return at the next meeting with his research.

Policy GBCD – Background and Criminal Records Check – This policy was also reviewed and revised by the HR Coordinator. Changes were made to reflect the district practice. Lengthy discussion ensued involving the substitutes and volunteers for the District and does each school follow the same procedures and guidelines. Jim will ask for feedback from the principals on this. This policy along with the current volunteer policy IJOC will be sent for legal clarification. This policy is placed on hold pending this research.

Policy IIB – Class Size – This entire policy requires a complete revision. Current as well as proposed class sizes were submitted from each of the principals as back up. Lengthy discussion ensued as to how we believe as a District we should proceed with this revision. Suggestion made that a public forum be scheduled so everyone can have input. Research of like districts should be initiated for comparison. All agreed that guidelines are needed to make this policy make sense. Additional suggestion made that since this is such a big undertaking, it should be in front of the whole School Board as a discussion item and not just the policy committee.

At this time three policies will be placed on hold for additional information. Those policies are: JLCJ, GBCD, and IIB.

Meeting ended at 5:00 PM – Next meeting to be held on July 9th at 3:30 PM. Future agenda items to include JLCJ, GBCD/IJOC {if ready}. Also, begin Section D – Fiscal Management.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. DiFruscio