

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 @ 3:30 PM

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

Visitors: Suzanne Filippone, Heather Machanoff, Sonny Sadana

Called to order at 3:30 by Maria Barth.

Jim began by explaining that at the last meeting the ELO policy and all the interconnecting policies relating to Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's) would be discussed first, as Suzanne and Heather are in attendance to answer any additional questions that may come up.

Suzanne shared some backup information pertaining to the number of students that are currently utilizing ELO's at the high school through VLACS and other alternative credits. It was also mentioned the amount of additional work that the school counseling office is doing to try and keep track of the various courses and follow up that is needed. Mention was made of the critical need of an ELO Coordinator be added to oversee this program. As this is a budgetary issue, additional discussion will be had at the School Board Workshop on November 10. A very lengthy discussion ensued with questions asked and answered by all present. It was decided that this policy would go to the School Board with revisions as a first read, but will not go into effect until the 2017-2018 school year with the hope for the position of an ELO Coordinator to oversee the program. In the event the budget does not allow for this coordinator; the proposed ELO policy will need to be revisited for further discussion and action. Nearly 300 ORCSD students are currently taking advantage of ELO's. Once this policy passes that number will increase geometrically. ORHS ELO program will be severely hampered without an ELO Coordinator to monitor and to meet student demand.

Policy IHBI – Alternative Learning Plans – This policy was reviewed in conjunction with the proposed ELO policy {IHBH} and was revised and is ready for first read.

Policy ICAA – Interdisciplinary Credit Toward Graduation – As this policy was recently reviewed and complies with the proposed ELO policy {IHBH}, cross references were added and is ready for first read.

Policy IKF – Graduation – This policy was also reviewed in comparison to the proposed ELO policy {IHBH}, the addition of language clarifying credit amounts and cross references were added and is ready for first read.

Policy ILBAA – High School Graduation Competencies – Review and comparison to the proposed ELO policy {IHBH} was discussed and a minor deletion was made and is ready for first read by the School Board.

Policy IMBC,R – Alternative Credit Options will be placed on hold from deletion until the proposed ELO policy {IHBH} comes into effect. No additional action was taken on this policy.

Policy IMBD – High School Credit for 7/8 Grade Advanced Coursework – This is another policy being reviewed in conjunction with the proposed ELO policy {IHBH} which had revisions made and cross references added. Ready for first read.

Policy GBEB – Staff Conduct with Students – The policy was pulled by the School Board and sent back to the policy committee for additional revisions. A minor deletion and addition to the language was made. This will return to the School Board for a first read.

Policy GBCD – Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check – A discussion ensued with the committee asking for additional legal interpretation before moving forward. This policy is placed on hold.

Policy IJOC – School Volunteers – Committee suggested that as this policy is connected to the Background policy, that it also be placed on hold for additional legal interpretation.

Meeting ended at 4:55 PM – Next meeting December 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio