

ACADEMIC, PERSONNEL, CURRICULUM, ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2022 - Boardroom with Zoom Link

Meeting began at 6pm - ended at 8pm

Seven (7) Committee members in attendance:

1. Brian Petula, Chair, Director - Present
2. Nolan Schmidt, Director - Present
3. Tracy Wescott, Director - Present
4. Matthew Rakauskas, Superintendent - Present
5. Brian Kearney, Elementary Principal – Not Present
6. Dr. Mark Murphy, HS Principal - Present
7. Ronda Norman, Resident, Parent - Present
8. Lorie Tweed, Resident, Parent - Present
9. Question: Is Shannon Kuchak, Principal a Committee member? Our Committee Directors don't believe she was originally listed as a member.

Agenda:

1. Student Consent Program
 1. Evaluate Policies 105-107
 2. Program Objectives, Materials & Methods of Instruction
 3. Program Rollout & Evaluation
2. Committee Recommendations to Board Regarding Policies and Adoption

Time was allowed and the following persons shared public comment:

1. George Yuhas (Member of Press) – Shared what he felt were Sunshine and Right to Know laws/regulations violations or issues.
2. Heath Gumble – Called for opt out message to parents before rollout
3. Andrea Mecca – Raised concerns about timing and method of parent communication about program; Asked why a link to program materials has not been shared with parents as stated in last regular Board Meeting
4. Christy Clarke – Questioned age appropriateness of program content, priority grades for rollout, Principals concerns about content
5. Robert Clarke Questioned age appropriateness of program content, parent notification and source of some material
6. Lauren McNamara – Expressed appreciate and support of program
7. Grace Wetzel – Expressed support of program
8. Jaclyn Litwin – Expressed support of program
9. Maria Wetzel – Expressed support of program
10. Laurie Tweed – Expressed support of program
11. Howard Fisher – Expressed support of program

12. Mike Bass – Questioned transparency, age appropriateness, parent opt in and opportunity for parent involvement
13. Andrea Mecca – Believes policy requires board review/approval of program and requires Standing Committee to offer a recommendation on program.

The following Future Business was raised during the meeting:

1. Clarify definition of “*planned instruction*”, “*units of instruction*” vs “*assemblies*” – Refer to full Board and/Solicitor
2. Consider whether Policies 105-107 may not apply and Policies 109, 112 and/or 120 may apply to program – Refer to full Board and/or Solicitor
3. Clarify what constitutes “legal” and best practice notice to parents about program. – Refer to full Board and/or Solicitor
4. Review policy/rules regarding members of Standing Board Committees – Refer to full Board and/or Solicitor
5. Review policy/rules regarding all public meeting Sunshine Law requirements, agendas, orders of business and minutes – Superintendent/Board/Solicitor

Members of the Committee were invited to share any general recommendations that should be shared with the entire Board of Directors:

1. Matt Rakauskas, Superintendent – Supports program and way it was rolled out – continue program as is.
2. Lori Tweed, Resident, Parent – Supports program and way it was rolled out – continue program as is.
3. Ronda Norman, Resident, Parent – Supports program goal but wants content/rollout revised/approved by Board before rollout.
4. Nolan Schmidt, Director – Present – Supports program goal but wants content/rollout revised before rollout.
5. Tracy Wescott, Director – Present – Supports program goal and continuing program with review of content and rollout for future.
6. Dr. Mark Murphy, HS Principal – No Comment
7. Brian Petula, Chair, Director – Supports program goal but wants content/rollout revised/approved by Board before rollout.

Committee Chair announced that the Committee appeared split on whether program should continue or halted until revised, reviewed and approved by the Board.

Signed,

Brian J. Petula, School Director/Secretary