

Policy Review Committee Meeting

December 29, 2008

Superintendent's Conference Room

Vice President Mary Clinton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The committee first had a general discussion of what needed to be done first. For example, we noted that we have neither a sex ed policy nor a wellness policy and both of these should be in place. Also, we noted that there does not appear to be a very consistent numbering system for policies. We might want to check with the ISD for getting info on whether there are standardized numbering systems we should use.

We then considered some specific policies that would merit the attention of the full Board (in no particular order) as follows:

Some topics to consider:

Bomb threats

- Consolidate 212.1 with 890

- Consider removing "shall" from the evacuation of the building

Community Ed 333

- Remove "shall"

Band Policy 342.5

- Consider removing altogether – too much micromanagement

Locker Policies

- Consolidate 347.4 and 452.11

Curriculum Director

- Remove or modify the language re: the superintendent in 341.4

Promotion on Athletes

- Consider removing 348.63

- Let discretion apply

- Use this as an example of micromanagement that we might want to avoid in the future

Athletic Rules

- Consolidate 348.61 and 348.6

Athletic League

- Name change for league 348.62

Internet usage 347.1

Remove language re: outside users

No longer available

Reconcile 724.3 and 724.3R

Replace 431.2 with current school of choice policy

From this general discussion, a few general notions/priorities were established as follows:

1. Renumber and re-organize
 - Get info ISD on standard numbering systems
2. Consolidate
 - Lockers
 - Bomb Threats
3. Purging
 - Eliminate policies that micromanage or are one time situations
 - Examples: diploma policy
 - Band policy
 - "Each school" language from 452.14
 - No smoking policy 452.13
 - Electronic devices 461
4. Development
 - Sex Ed policy
 - Wellness policy
5. In 171.2 remove language in paragraph

The next step for the committee was to get standard numbering information and reconvene on January 12, 2009 with a mind to put together a more specific proposal for the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Vice President Mary Clinton