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## POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Policy Committee Minutes

April 11, 2006

Present: Kathy Ray, Alan Hawkins, Kevin Sweeney, Rebecca Millett, Anne Belden, Steve Connolly, Trish Brigham, Jeff Shedd

Others: Linda Winker

#### I. Substance Abuse Policy

Trish presented the draft that the sub committee has been working on all year. She identified the main changes to current policy:

- Many clarifications were made across the policy
- Policy was linked to HS handbook so both say the same thing
- Contracts will be year long with signing at the beginning of the year
- 2 policies were combined into one to minimize overlap and confusion
- Expanded coverage to ALL extracurricular activities, not just athletics
- Maintained the self referral policy
- Jurisdiction is anytime, anywhere
- Added a third tier for consequences, rather than 2
- Added an educational check list

The committee gave overall support to the draft policy. Some discussion ensued around the mandatory first of the year meeting and it was noted that every effort should be made to have at least a few held so everyone can find one to attend.

Any specific questions, detail recommendations should be sent to Trish soon so that a first reading can be held in May, a second one in June.

#### II. Policy IHOA - Student Travel and Filed Trips

Jeff presented a revised draft which we reviewed, and made a few changes to. This will be presented for first reading in May

#### III. Policy HF – Board Negotiating Agents

Kathy Ray presented recommended changes as reviewed by Personnel Committee. This will be presented in May for first reading.

#### V. Policy GCSA – Employee Computer and Internet Use

Given the recent situation around certain emails regarding the budget, which has gone out to various lists from various sources, Alan felt it was necessary to discuss this policy. Through the discussion we clarified:

- All our parent associations are separate from the school district and as such, we are not responsible for what they communicate.
- School computers may not be used to communicate or disseminate outside information.
- All schools shall separate their newsletters from the parent association's letters; both hard copy and any that go out electronically. If parent association information is distributed through the schools, then a disclaimer will go on it indicating it is not the view of the schools.
- The email informational letter that is done by a private citizen is her own initiative, not owned by the school or by the parent associations.
- The Communications Committee will discuss: what is the appropriate way to address communication that is advocacy in nature?
- A few minor changes to Policy GCSA were discussed and will be presented for a first reading in May.

Upcoming policies to be addressed:

IKE – Promotion and retention of students

IKF Graduation Requirements

IKF – R Graduation Guidelines'

IKFA Early Graduation

ILD Student Surveys and Marketing Information

IMBB Accommodation of Sincere Beliefs in Required Instruction

IMG Animals in Schools

Athletic policies

Education Foundation Monies

Review of allergy policy and guidelines

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