

Policy Committee Minutes 2/9/11

1. Dominic presented policies JKGA and JKGA-R, Time-Out Rooms and Therapeutic Restraint and Regulations. These policies are consistent with other school districts in the area and are suggested by Drummond and Woodsum. There were no suggested changes, so the policies will go to the Board for first reading.
2. Policy JRA-E was reviewed for the second time and no changes were suggested, so it will go to the Board for second reading.
3. Electronic Signatures – Jeff Shedd and Gary Lanoie have worked on talking points and handed out a rough draft for an Electronic Signature and Filing policy. If members have any ideas, please send them to Jeff Shedd. Gary will work on integrating this policy with Power School. We will review this suggested policy at the next meeting.
4. Fundraising – Ken indicated that the intent of the policy is to make sure that the School Board knows how much fundraising is going on in the community. Just because parents write a check doesn't mean they don't have to come to the Board for approval. There was a question about the definition of fundraising, so at the next policy meeting members will bring information on the definition of fundraising.
5. School Lunch Minimums – Ken indicated that the policy is working and shouldn't be changed. If there are concerns about the administration of the policy, let Ken know and he will handle them.
6. Public Comment – Ken asked to speak about the procedure of allowing public comment at Board meetings on non-agenda items. It has been his practice to only allow comments on agenda items as it becomes a public relations problem versus a problem solving or conflict resolution. If someone wants to talk about something, they can ask to have it put on the agenda. By letting anyone stand and talk about anything, it doesn't promote a positive culture to work in. Ken wants no public comment on non-agenda items and Mary (Chair) agreed.
7. At the next policy meeting, we will talk about the definition of a teacher work day.