

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

10/5/11

8:00 am

Jordan Conference Room

In Attendance: Mary Townsend, Kathy Ray, Meredith Nadeau, Kim Monaghan-Derrig, Jeff Shedd, Steve Connolly

1. JRA-E- Annual Notice of Student Education Records and Information Rights. The committee discussed that the state is no longer requesting social security numbers from students, so section D will be eliminated and the policy will go to the Board for first reading.
2. JFAB - Admission of Non-Resident Students. Meredith indicated that she has had several families who have requested their student attend the Cape schools on a tuition basis. We currently have a policy that doesn't address tuition. Meredith indicated that the state does allow tuition students, although there are currently no other schools in our area taking such students. If we do decide to accept tuition students, the tuition would be set at the current state per pupil cost. This could be a source of income. The draw for parents making such requests has been for academic excellence and small school size. Jeff commented that he had been in another school system that had such a program, and it was important that we set parameters that don't end up costing us additional money. Mary said that in light of declining populations, maybe we should look into this. Meredith will talk with area school superintendents and see if we could share the cost of putting together a policy through Drummond and Woodsum. She will bring this information back to the next policy meeting.
3. GBEBB – Staff Conduct with Students. Mary was approached by a parent that would like more emphasis on the policy with regards to electronic communications between staff and students. The committee agreed on a verbiage change and this will be brought to the Board for first reading.

4. Private School Students access to public school co-curricular, interscholastic and extracurricular activities. MSMA has made a proposed policy which the committee reviewed and agreed to put forward for first reading to the Board.
5. CBI – Superintendent’s Evaluation – the committee reviewed the policy, which had gone for first reading this past June. There was one typo, which will be corrected, and the policy will go to the Board for second reading.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be on Nov 15, 2011 at 9:30 am in the Wm H Jordan Conference Room.