

MINUTES OF EDUCATION & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, February 10, 2011
4:30 p.m. at the Division Office

Present:

Trustees: Kathleen Guillas, John McNeily, Debbie Rea
Administration: Jason Young
Principals: Allen Hanke, Kathy Bjarnason, Myrna Wells, Kelvin Hollier

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. The agenda was reviewed.
2. The minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed.
3. Reviewed policies amended since last June. A total of 11 policies have been updated. One additional policy is going through second reading at the upcoming Board Meeting on Feb 15th.
4. Policy J.C.A. - Teacher Supervision and Growth & Policy J.C.B.A. - Teacher Supervision Criteria were discussed. The session at Elkhorn around supervision and evaluation has given everyone a good start in our collection of data around policy JCBA. Next step is to make a sub committee to compile data as well as look at other division policies and formulate more current criteria on which to base formal evaluations. The make up of the sub committee was discussed. A discussion was held around the following:
 - Anecdotal vs. Checklists
 - Self evaluations
 - The need for a growth model to still continue along with formal evaluations
 - What scale would best meet the needs of the evaluation
 - Cycle of the evaluation (both formal and professional growth)
 - The process and need for intense supervision
5. Policy J.G.K. - Cell Phone /Electronic Communication Devices
 - Brief discussion around whether the policy is too restrictive
 - Samples from other divisions around electronic devices were shared. The range in policies is from extremely rigid to very open to individual school/teacher choice.
 - It was noted that the current BPSD policy was put in place to help keep our student and staff safe in a world where information travels so quickly.
 - Pros and cons were discussed of making our policy more flexible.
6. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.