

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

April 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Charles Haughey, Sagar Sanghvi, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Lori-Christina Webb, Susan Falkenhan, Judy Lewis, Karen Crawford, Robin Confino, Karen Harvey, Judy Madden, Betsy Brown, Greg Thornton, Jerry Weast, and Susan Hedges.

**POLICY CNA – Informational Materials and Announcements**

There was a discussion about closing the forum to certain organizations, especially sports, non-profits, and volunteer activities. It was pointed out that school principals have the authority to approve materials from local school, parent and student organizations. Legal counsel will review the policy, and it is scheduled for discussion and final action by the Board on April 26, 2004. [It was subsequently postponed at the request of the superintendent, pending the decision of the Fourth Circuit.]

**Alignment of Policies and Strategic Plan**

Staff presented a paper on core values policies, and those supporting the goals of the school system. The next steps are to identify the core governance policies, look at what drives a work plan, and develop a comprehensive plan to monitor and evaluate policies. The document will be placed on the next agenda for Board discussion (April 26, 2004).

**POLICY IKA – Grading and Reporting**

Staff reported that they are meeting with various groups. Staff handed out materials on the timeline, learning skills (Grades 1 - 5), learning skills rubrics, and guidelines for late work. High school principals are concerned about loss of credit, attendance, athletic eligibility, and teacher training.

The Policy Committee thought there was a strong relationship between the academic grade and the separate reporting of effort. It was suggested that there be added phases to the roll out of the policy since there were complex issues as well as the capacity to fully implement the policy.

A plan will developed for review by the Policy Committee at its next meeting. The implementation of the policy is scheduled for discussion at the May 11, 2004, Board meeting.

**POLICY IJA – Student Counseling Programs and Services**

The suggestions from the last meeting had been incorporated into the policy. The Policy Committee agreed that it was ready to be sent to the Board for tentative approval on June 21,

2004. [This has subsequently been postponed until July 6, 2004.]

**POLICY AEB – Long Range Planning**

The Long-Range and Strategic Planning Committee reviewed and edited the policy. There were some editorial changes suggested by the Policy Committee, and a clean document will be scheduled for review at the next meeting. The policy is scheduled for tentative approval by the full Board on June 21, 2004.

**Future Agendas**

1. Policy JED – *Residency, Tuition and Enrollment*
2. Policy IKA – *Grading and Reporting*
3. Policy AEB – *Long Range Planning*

**Next Meeting**

April 30, 2004 – 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.