

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

March 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Valerie Ervin, Pat O'Neill, Sagar Sanghvi, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Susan Falkenhan, Karen Harvey, Robin Confino, Lori-Christina Webb, Betsy Brown, Carey Wright, Patricia Kelly, Judith Pattik, Edith Kropp, Trish Janus, Ginny Tucker, Pat Abrunzo, Jody Leleck, and Shirley Brandman.

**Update on Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting**

Dr. Harvey reported that 20 pilot schools will participate in standards-based grading. Training will take place this summer, and teachers will receive a stipend to work with the standards for one year. Also, the teachers will keep dual grade books.

Ms. Brown stated that stakeholders have agreed on the reteach/reassess procedures, and the next step is to get the information to all concerned. The next step after that will be to reach a consensus on the grading scales.

Staff had the information about how high school principals communicated to students/parents about grading for the second semester. There was a wide variance in the quality of the communications, and the community superintendents will follow up with principals. Whatever is shared with the community will be sent to the Board.

**Policy IOB – Education of Students with Disabilities**

The committee reviewed the draft policy and made some editorial changes. The policy will come back to the committee in May. The policy will be sent to the Board for tentative approval in September.

**Monitoring of Policy IOA – Gifted and Talented Education**

Staff outlined the implementation and monitoring of the policy, including the process, components of supervisory visits, data points, and protocols for all levels. It is determined through the process where a school is in the implementation process, and what support it will need to comply with the policy. It was decided to give an informational packet to the agenda-setting team for possible inclusion on a future Board agenda.

**Policy BFA – Policysetting**

The committee reviewed proposed changes to the policy to clarify its intent. It was recommended to the Board for tentative approval on March 21, 2005.

**April 13, 2005, Meeting – 2:30 p.m.**

Update on Policy IKA

Update on Loss of Credit/Attendance

Policy ABA – *Community Involvement*

Policy GAA – *Positive Work Environment in a Self-Renewing Organization*

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.