

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

November 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Lori-Christina Webb, Susan Falkenhan, Karen Harvey, Betsy Brown, Brian Porter, Bruce Crispell, Cathy Pevey, and Joe Lavorgna.

Update on Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

Dr. Harvey distributed samples of the 1st and 2nd grade report cards. Starting in the fall, there will be no more bubble sheets and data will be entered electronically by teachers. The design of the report card has been shared with principals and teachers, and their input has been incorporated into the draft design. Staff will collaboratively work with parents when a draft design has been formatted. The committee was pleased with the work for staff, especially getting stakeholder's feedback.

Ms. Brown reported that staff is working with high school principals to provide a more consistent application of the policy. The committee thought it was important to provide information to parents and students on exactly what is the grading scale and what part of the policy is being implemented.

Implementation of Policy JNA – Curricular Expenses for Students

Ms. Pevey reported that staff has (1) reviewed all fees, (2) worked with curriculum specialists on necessary charges, and (3) assured that course material includes fee information. Since all fees are not standard, the committee thought the information could be published on the school's web page in order to provide transparency and compliance with the policy. It was suggested that staff should review the waiver provision to assure that it is working and students are not abusing the option.

Preliminary Discussion on Policy FAA – Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning

Mr. Lavorgna stated that there were three reasons to review the policy – (1) outreach to civic organizations, (2) choice options/consortia, and (3) capacity calculations. The committee believed that the time is right to review policies and regulations dealing with capital planning and boundaries. There was a general consensus to draft policies focusing on the priorities of the Board with regulations outlining the details. It was agreed that a work group will be invited to review the policies and simultaneously draft regulations.

December 7, 2004, Meeting

Update on Policy IKA – *Grading and Reporting*
Regulation ACA-RA – *Human Relations*
Section G – Human Resources

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.