

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

September 14, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Sebastian Johnson, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Stephanie Williams, Lori-Christina Webb, Pat Kelly, Mike Cohen, Janine Bacquie, Don Kress, Cathie Pevey, Jane Butler, Betsy Brown, Diane Mohr, Jody Leleck, and Shirley Brandeman.

Policy IQD – Academic Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

Staff reported on a few edits, and the committee agreed. The tentative and final approval of the policy will be scheduled in order for the policy to be implemented beginning with the 2005-06 school. The report of the workgroup will be attached to the board's packet at the time of tentative approval (scheduled for October 24, 2005). Furthermore, the regulation needs clarification, inasmuch as some people do not understand that a freshman enters high school with a clean slate.

Update on the Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

Staff reported that there is a Grading and Reporting Implementation Team (GRIT). This team has many stakeholders that make recommendations and offers advice on procedures for implementation of the policy. The ideal state is to have the principals address most issues with only the most difficult questions coming to GRIT.

Staff distributed brochures on the instructional cycle for a standards-based system and implementation for Grades 1 - 5 and Grades 6 - 12. A letter to secondary parents will be included with the first report card.

There was a discussion about implementation of the policy for special education students, and staff agreed that there needs to be more training. The committee considered the due date/deadline for student work, and staff encouraged students to question the process at their local school.

Policy JEB – Early Entrance to Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

Staff handed out information on the total number screened, appeals, assessment sessions, and meeting dates for the advisory committee. Staff walked the committee through the draft policy purpose, issues, position, and review and reporting. There were two issues discussed – (1) the demonstration of readiness regardless of any other factors, and (2) institutional factors, such as capacity. The policy will go to the October 24 meeting for tentative approval by the Board.

Policy ABA - Community Involvement

The committee agreed that this policy was for community involvement and it should be

clarified so that parent organizations are not confused. It was decided that this point will be clear in the transmittal memo to the Board with the goal of partnerships in a self-renewing organization. There were editorial changes suggested by the committee, and a new draft will be ready for the November Policy Committee meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 10, 2005 (rescheduled from October 12). Topics for the meeting will include:

1. Update on Policy IKA – *Grading and Reporting*
2. Policy JEB – *Early Entrance into Kindergarten*
3. Policy IOB – *Education of Students with Disabilities*
4. Committee's Work Plan for the Coming Year
5. Family-life Related Regulations
6. Update on Loss-of-Credit and Study

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.