

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

July 31, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Roland Ikheloa, Glenda Rose (recorder).

Staff present: Stephanie Williams, Jody Leleck, Lori-Christina Webb, Betsy Brown, John Q. Porter, and Shahpar Modarresi.

Others Present: Jane de Winter and Julie Benner.

Update on the Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

Staff explained that the presentation to the Board on September 14, 2006, will have components from several offices based on their involvement. The report will focus on the current status, short-term plans, professional development, technology, and evaluation on implementation. At the elementary level, 19 schools will generate electronic, standards-based report cards, and all other schools will use a standards-based traditional report card. At the secondary level, homework guidelines have been minimally revised and monitored to assure that grades are consistent.

The committee wanted to know how implementation will be communicated, and who will monitor that communication to make sure it has been done. Staff stated that the principals will communicate with staff and parents under the guidance and oversight of the Office of School Performance.

Staff outlined the new technology with Edline and Pinnacle. There will be training this summer with a core team who in turn will instruct the school staff on the operation of the programs. Pinnacle has customized features to comply and supports the policy.

The committee inquired about feedback mechanisms on the implementation to date. Staff replied that there were nine different evaluations with representative groups.

Staff stated that they will develop an interim regulation from the operational framework. This will help clarify the policy with clear procedures, especially at the secondary level.

Utilization of Funding for Evaluation

The committee and staff discussed the position title, grade level, and placement in the organizational structure. It was decided that the position should be an instructional specialist. Staff will decide on the appropriate office for reporting purposes. This position should attend all Policy Committee meetings, and the policies will be reviewed using the three levels starting with governance policies. The expectation is that this position will be filled by October.

Policy FFA – Naming of School Facilities

The committee reviewed the policy and there was a short discussion about “2/3 of the full Board” and what that meant. The committee’s understanding that for now 2/3 meant 6 members of the Board. It was agreed that the language should not be changed. The committee agreed to move the tentative adoption of the policy from August to September.

The next meeting is September 13, 2006, at 2:30 p.m.

1. Policy IEB – *Middle School Education*
2. Preliminary discussion on public hearing policy or procedures
3. Grouping recommendations for the Committee’s work plan

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.