



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #87

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES GLENBARD DISTRICT 87 ADMIN. CENTER

Monday, March 8, 2021

The Policy Committee held its monthly meeting via Zoom Web Conference on Monday, March 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

In attendance:

Cindy Christensen, Committee Member
Jennifer Jendras, Board Member
John Kenwood, Board Member
Richard Mazzolini, Committee Member
Josh Chambers, Asst. Superintendent
for Human Resources

Patrick McGill, Executive Director for
Teaching & Learning
David Hennessey, GEA Representative
Grace Chambers, Student Liaison
Diana Flint, Recording Secretary

Quorum requirements were met and the meeting was able to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Policy Committee meeting for February 8, 2021 were reviewed.

Action: Motion made to accept, seconded, and carried.

Items for Discussion

Administrative Procedure 6:310-AP7, *Schedule Changes* -- This was a continuation of the last committee meeting. McGill shared a view of the administrative procedure on screen for others to see. He noted that the new additions were shown in blue. The procedure now identifies the common, or minimum, criteria to be included on a change request form. This was based on comments from the February meeting and Jendras. A section on the how the process works was also added at the suggestion of our student liaisons.

McGill then shared a sample of the online form for discussion. Clarification was provided that the form was an added opportunity of how to request a change. Students still had the option to utilize other formats such as sending an email or having an in-person discussion with their counselor. Minor changes were suggested.

Concern was raised on whether both the student and parent will receive a confirmation or denial; and, whether the Assistant Principal and Department Chairs needed to be involved. The committee

was advised that the attorney reviewed the administrative procedure and recommended that clarity be provided on who has authority; and, that the plan is for both parent/student to be notified.

The question was raised on 2nd semester changes and what Item (A or B) they would pertain to. The committee was advised that 2nd semester would be associated with Item B.

Chambers inquired if there was a consensus to proceed to Board and hearing no comments recommended the administrative procedure move forward.

Public Participation

Chambers advised that he had received public comment about a non-agenda item from Stephanie Clark and proceeded to read the email.

“I recently watched a video from the March 3rd SPA Committee meeting discussing the Grading Policy Research Committee. Executive Director Melissa Creech presented a draft document and said that the plan was to get a grading policy change through Policy Committee and to the Board in the next few months. I’m not sure if it will be discussed tonight. In case it is, I have a few comments.

My biggest question is why would you implement this large of a change when we are in the middle of school year dramatically impacted by a pandemic? The lost learning has not been measured. Changing the grading structure will make that even harder to assess. The committee has been meeting for a few years, but now doesn't seem the time to push this through.

Supposedly this is based off of the piloted grading that was used for honors chem. My kids were not in this class, but it did seem to cause a lot of anxiety and unnecessary stress for students. Is now the time for that? My understanding is students and parents have not been involved on your committee. They should be involved before a change made in light of concerns raised from honors chem.

Also, I have a concern with a proposed part of this new system which is grading students only on what they learned, but not on behavior (late assignments, etc...) as a general rule. This is taking out accountability and should be an exception, not a rule.

My parting thought. It sounds like there is already flexibility in place from teachers in response to the hybrid/remote learning model. So, an overhaul to the grading system right now isn't necessary to accomplish this.”


The question was raised on when the policy on grading structure would be coming to policy. The committee was advised that it was in discussion with SPA and was undetermined at this time.

Chambers inquired if there was any other public comment. Seeing none, public comment was closed.

Action: Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Signed:



Jennifer Jendras 4/12/2021
Policy Committee Chairman (or designee) Date