

POLICY / COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2007

Oliver Administration Building

Present

**Marjorie McBride, Diana Campbell, John Saviano, Karen Lynch (6:25),
William O'Dell, Edward Mara, Melinda Thies and Jane Correia**

Guests: Two parents and two students

Marjorie McBride called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

Memorials

Requests for information regarding memorials in the District were sent to District staff three times; the information received is attached.

„X The Superintendent will write a letter to the editor requesting anyone who has information about memorials to please send it to the Superintendent.

„X The Committee will develop a policy setting guidelines requiring a plaque and placement in an approved setting and records will be

maintained in the Superintendent's Office.

„X John Saviano will solicit sample policies from colleagues.

Kickemuit Middle School Scheduling

Ed Mara and Melinda Thies explained the scheduling of electives at KMS;Xa rotating schedule of seven classes in a six-period day with five core curriculum classes and two electives, which is limited by personnel and space. There are four sixth grade teams, two of which do not have the option of chorus as an elective in sixth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezikovich, daughter Victoria, and Christina Lynch were present to discuss possibilities for making chorus available to all sixth graders. The „feeder“ issue that was faced with the band is now an issue with the chorus.

MOTION: Diana Campbell motioned to have Ed Mara, Melinda Thies and Jane Correia investigate the possibility of hiring an additional part-time music person and how it would affect the scheduling at Kickemuit. Karen Lynch seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

If there is sufficient interest in chorus among the students, the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee will address the possibility.

Karen Lynch suggested fifth grade parents be informed of sixth grade options and given a preference sheet for electives. Melinda and Ed

reported an exciting new pre-algebra/algebra series is being piloted at the Middle School to ensure all students are prepared for Algebra I. The Committee felt that all students should be offered the Nature's Classroom experience rather than just one class; Ed Mara warned that it is costly, but he will research the possibility.

The parents and students left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Graduation Requirements (IKF)

Revisions:

#9 ¶ Per RIDE, PBGR's must be reviewed annually. A line will be added that the Principal, Assistant Principal in charge of Guidance, Superintendent and PBGR Coordinator will review the components by June 30th each year.

Melinda Thies suggested that a school committee member sit on the graduation committee at the high school; the high school will discuss.

#2. d. ¶ "adequate notice" will be specified as a Certified ¶ Restricted Delivery letter to be sent at the end of the first semester to parents of those students who are in danger of failing or not graduating, with a follow-up letter in May to parents of students who are still at risk, requiring a conference with their child's guidance counselor before the start of the next school year. The last line will read ¶ Mt. Hope High School will provide documented notification to any student who did not fulfill the graduation requirements and will

not receive a Regents diploma.i”

Note: A revision will be made to the Home Schooling policy (IGBJ) to state that home schooled students are not eligible to receive either a Mt. Hope High School or a Regents diploma; this to go for a first reading in August.

The current Graduation Requirements IKF policy will become an exhibit-- IKF-E and the new Mt. Hope High School Diploma Policy will be IKF.

Professional Relationship Between BWRSC and Administrators of the BWRSD (GCD-E)

New administrator contracts are being worked up; the Committee will review this exhibit once they are solidified.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy (New)

Specific names will be replaced by positions (Dr. Parker, Ellen Estrella, T.J. DelSanto, etc). Then ask Andrew to review for liability protection.

Crisis Management Manual

John Saviano is looking into more updates and will pass them on to

the secretary for distribution. Ed Mara mentioned that a manual of emergency procedures is posted in every classroom.

Code of Ethics for Coaches

Every coach is sanctioned by the Interscholastic League. The District has the ultimate authority to dismiss and can extend any suspension imposed by the League. It was the consensus of the Committee that every coach must sign a sheet stating they have read, understand and will abide by the Interscholastic League's statement about conduct; this will be prefaced by a positive expectation that the District is aiming for excellence at all levels, including coaches.

Student/Parent Handbooks

Without objection, Marjorie McBride will meet with Ed Mara individually with each building principal to look into issues with the handbooks; any Committee member is welcome to attend.

Walkers and Riders (EEAA) and Transportation Policy Guidelines (EEAA-R)

To be checked for conformity to State regulations.

Policy Review List

Marjorie McBride will contact the secretary about two policies which need wordsmything.

Karen Lynch asked about internet filtering; Ed Mara said we have a speaker for Orientation Day to speak to the entire teaching staff about monitoring the internet.

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2007, 6:00 PM in the Oliver Administration Building

At 8:10 PM, John Saviano motioned to adjourn; Karen Lynch and Diana Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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