

**Draft Pending Committee Approval
Policy Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2016
T/E Administrative Offices, Room 200
7:00 p.m.**

Board Committee Members: Kevin Buraks, Chair; Todd Kantorczyk, Kate Murphy, Ed Sweeney
Other Board Members: Doug Carlson, Michele Burger, Virginia Lastener, Roberta Hotinski
T/E School District Representatives: Rich Gusick, Ken Roos, Art McDonnell, Wendy Towle, Andrea Chipego and Mark Cataldi

Community Members: Bindu Wong, Marissa Truong, Michelle Spina, Nicole Maiatico, Laurie Turner, Jean Kintisch, Jerry Henige, Theodore Horvath

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

Jean Kintisch commented on policies and regulations relating to students with food allergies.
Marissa Truong commented on policies and regulations relating to students with food allergies.
Michelle Spina commented on policies and regulations relating to students with food allergies.
Laurie Turner commented on policies and regulations relating to students with food allergies.
Theodore Horvath commented on Policy and Regulation 7040 relating to the track area at Valley Forge Middle School.

Review of Policies for 2nd Reading

After review and discussion, it was recommended that the following Policy be sent to the Board of School Directors for a second reading at their meeting on March 28, 2016.

Policy 7080: Naming of Buildings and Improvements on District Property

The revisions to this Policy include renaming it from its original title of Naming of Facilities. Buildings and improvements on District property shall be given names which are indicative of the area in which they are located and not named after individuals or groups.

After review and discussion the following Policy had further revisions after a first reading was approved the Board of School Directors at their meeting on February 22, 2016. The most recent revisions will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on March 28, 2016.

Policy 7100: Gifts and Bequests to the District

Revisions to this Policy include the District not accepting memorials paying tribute to deceased community members. However, the Board will acknowledge gifts and monetary contributions to the general fund with a statement identifying the donor or person in whose name the donation was made at a public Board meeting.

Information

None

Follow Up from Previous Policy Committee Meeting

Policy and Regulation 7040: Use of District Facilities

Discussion about revisions to this Regulation centered on restricting the use of District facilities to non-school personnel during the school day. This topic originated from a community member and was included in the safety and security consultant's report recommending that the District adopt a policy and procedures restricting the use of school tracks, courts, etc. during school hours. Ken Roos will suggest revisions to this regulation or another policy or regulation to address this issue.

Policies and Regulations for Review and Discussion

Policy and Regulation 5402: Student Wellness and Nutrition

Policy and Regulation 5403: Allergies

These policies and regulations were discussed concurrently as they relate to students with food allergies. The Policy Committee made revisions to Regulation 5402 for the elementary schools only. For the elementary schools, food is not permitted to be brought to school to be shared during the school day with other students either by other students, teachers or other staff, or other persons in connection with recognition of birthdays, holidays, or celebrations. The sharing of homemade foods is still prohibited in all schools. Students may still bring in an individual snack that cannot be shared with other students. The revisions are effective immediately and will be communicated by the schools to parents and PTOs.

The following policies and regulations were scheduled for discussion as part of a cyclical review, but were deferred to the next Policy Committee meeting on April 21, 2016.

Policy and Regulation 4223: Military Leave

Policy 4520: Tutoring for a Fee

Policy 6133: Writing Across the Curriculum

Policy and Regulation 6153: Classroom Field Trips

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Future Meetings

Future Policy Committee Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2016, May 19, 2016 and June 9, 2016. Please visit the District website at www.tesd.net for updated information on Board committee meeting dates, times, locations and agendas. All meetings are held at the Tredyffrin/Easttown Administration Offices, 740 West Valley Road, Suite 1700, in Room 200.

2016 Policy Committee Goals:

1. To identify and examine critical issues facing the District from a Policy perspective.
2. To review existing Policies and develop new Policies in response to legal requirements administrative recommendations, Board priorities, community input and external issues.
3. To communicate Policy revisions or new Policies to stakeholders via webpage postings, email messages, and oral reports at Board meetings.
4. To continue with a cyclical review of Board policies in determining if policies should be revised, updated or repealed.