

**Draft Pending Committee Approval
Policy Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2017
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 Lastner
T/E School District Representatives: Rich Gusick, Ken Roos, Mark Cataldi, Kevin Pechin, Art McDonnell, Dave Preston, Wendy Towle, Chris Groppe

Community Members: Terry Connell, David Dudrear, Rita Gosnear, Patti Simpson, Jane Alcorn, Geraldine O'Leary, Rebecca Cain, Jim Cain, Sarah Culbert, Jennifer Arnott, Brendan Arnott, Heather Ward, Kyle Boyer, Doug Anestad

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

Terry Connell commented on Regulation 6146.1: Recognition of Athletic Clubs and Policy and Regulation 5311: Eligibility for Participation in School-Related Activities.

Jim Cain commented on Policy and Regulation 5311: Eligibility for Participation in School Related Activities.

Patti Simpson commented on Regulation 6146.1: Recognition of Athletic Clubs and Policy and Regulation 5311: Eligibility for Participation in School-Related Activities.

Rita Gosnear commented on Regulation 6146.1: Recognition of Athletic Clubs.

Brendan Arnott commented on Regulation 6146.1: Recognition of Athletic Clubs and Policy and Regulation 5311: Eligibility for Participation in School-Related Activities.

David Dudrear commented on Regulation 6146.1: Recognition of Athletic Clubs.

Jane Alcorn commented on Regulation 6146.1: Recognition of Athletic Clubs.

Doug Anestad commented on Regulation 5227: Graduation Requirements.

Review of Policies for 2nd Reading

Policy and Regulation 5311: Eligibility for Participation in School-Related Activities

This Policy and Regulation were previously discussed at prior meetings of the committee. Policy 5311 was suspended at the February 27, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors to the extent that it restricts a private school student from participating in District recognized club sports, excluding sports that are already offered at the private school the student is attending. The revised Policy states that at the sole discretion of each club, a student who no longer attends a District school but who lives in the District and previously played for a club team in the same sport while attending a District school may participate in such Conestoga High School club sport team, unless the school they attend fields a team in the club sport in which they wish to participate. The Regulation outlines participation eligibility for students enrolled in private schools, Intermediate Unit placements, approved private schools, non-traditional placements, other alternative placements and charter schools, as well as students who are home schooled or on homebound instruction. The Policy was subsequently revised after the first reading, so it will be sent in revised form to the Board of School Directors for another first reading at their meeting on May 22, 2017. Since there are no scheduled meetings of the Policy Committee for the remainder of the school year, the Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a second reading at their meeting on June 12, 2017 and will be listed in the section "Other Actions Under Consideration" instead of the "Consent Agenda."

Policy and Regulation 4520: Tutoring for a Fee

The Policy was last revised in January 2017. New changes reflect a clarification that this Policy does not apply to after-school activities sponsored by the District or an elementary school-based parent organization. Furthermore, tutoring does not include providing group-based art or physical education activities for elementary school students that are approved by the District. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a second reading at their meeting on May 22, 2017.

Information

None

Follow Up from Previous Policy Committee Meeting

Policy and Regulation 6146: Student Athletics

This Policy and Regulation were discussed and will be brought back to the committee after further review.

Policies and Regulations for Review and Discussion

Regulation 5113: Procedures for Enforcing School Attendance

The State issued new attendance legislation that needs to be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year, so the Regulation was revised to comply with new state requirements. The new law defines truancy as having incurred three (3) or more school days of unexcused absences during the current school year by a child subject to compulsory school attendance. Habitually truant is defined as six (6) or more school days of unexcused absences during the current school year by a child subject to compulsory school attendance. The Regulation contains a list of reasons for excused absences, school responses and procedures for unexcused absences and templates for parent/guardian notification. The revised Regulation will be posted and families will be notified prior to the new school year.

Regulation 5430: Legal Custody/Guardianship

Revisions to the Regulation provide clarification about procedures the school should follow regarding custody arrangements and the process of resolving disagreements among parents/guardians on educational decisions.

Regulation 5227: Graduation Requirements

Revisions to the Regulation were needed to account for the new course in College and Career Transition that was approved by the Education Committee at its April 3, 2017 meeting. The course will be required of all 11th grade students beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. The total number of credits earned to graduate remains at 24.0. Students in the graduating classes of 2020 and beyond must earn 4.9 credits in Electives and 0.2 credits in the required College and Career Transition course. Students in the graduating classes prior to 2020 must still earn 5.1 credits in Electives.

The following Policy and Regulations were revised to comply with new federal and state requirements:

Policy 5402: Student Wellness and Nutrition and Regulation 5402: Wellness Policy Implementation

The Policy and Regulation will be changed to have the same title. Revisions to the Policy include a statement that the District's comprehensive nutrition program is consistent with federal and state requirements and accessible at reasonable cost to foods and beverages that meet established nutritional guidelines. Physical education courses and opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity are offered during the school day. Curriculum and programs for grades K-12 are designed to

educate students about proper nutrition and lifelong physical activity, in accordance with State Board of Education curriculum regulations and academic standards. Revisions to the Regulation specify the roles and function of the District Wellness Committee and includes communication with the public, nutrition promotion and education, the restricted use of food/beverages as classroom rewards and the advertisement of food and beverages. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on May 22, 2017. Since there are no scheduled meetings of the Policy Committee for the remainder of the school year, the Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a second reading at their meeting on June 12, 2017 and will be listed in the section “Other Actions Under Consideration” instead of the “Consent Agenda.”

Regulation 8120: Food and Nutrition Services

Revisions explicitly state the school meal account and meal charging procedures. Students are permitted to charge meals, and will not be denied food service purchases, on account of insufficient funds in their student meal accounts unless requested by the parent/guardian. The procedures for notifying parents/guardians of low and negative balances and collecting negative balances are outlined. Information on meal prices, menus, how to apply for free or reduced priced meals, how to check a school meal account balance or add funds to such accounts can be found on the District’s Food and Nutrition Services webpage.

Future Meetings

Meeting dates for the 2017-2018 school year will be determined and published. The Policy Committee meets at the Tredyffrin/Easttown Administration Offices, 940 West Valley Road, Suite 1700, in Room 200.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

2017 Policy Committee Goals:

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