

**Draft Pending Committee Approval
Policy Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 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: Michele Burger, Virginia Lastner

T/E School District Representatives: Rich Gusick, Ken Roos, Mark Cataldi, Kevin Pechin

Community Members: Kang Chu, Raymond Lei

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

Kang Chu commented on Regulation 4970 Private Coaching or Training of Students by District Athletic Coaches and Policy 4520 Tutoring for a Fee.

Raymond Lei commented on Policy 4520 Tutoring for a Fee.

Review of Policies for 2nd Reading

After review and discussion, it was recommended that the following Policies be sent to the Board of School Directors for a second reading at their meeting on December 5, 2016.

Policy and Regulation 5120: Withdrawal from School

This Policy and Regulation were drafted to comply with a recent change in the Pennsylvania Public School Code that requires school districts to post a policy about withdrawal from school. This new Policy and Regulation includes various circumstances in which students may withdrawal from school and the procedures to complete the withdrawal process.

Policy and Regulation 6195: Title I Parental Involvement

Title I is a federal program that provides funding to local school districts with the goal of improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged students. Individual schools are given the designation of Title I by the US Department of Education. The District has been in compliance with the federal law regarding Title I. This new Policy and Regulation were introduced in response to the new mandate in the Pennsylvania Public School Code that requires school districts to post a policy about Title I. The Policy and Regulation outline the process in which the District and parents/guardians will jointly develop a written parental involvement plan.

Information

None

Follow Up from Previous Policy Committee Meeting

Policy 4970: Private Coaching or Training of Students by District Athletic Coaches

This new Policy and Regulation establishes parameters for private coaching and training by District-employed athletic coaches. The draft Policy states that District athletic coaches are not permitted to receive remuneration for the private coaching or training of student-athletes who play in the same school and sport for which the coach is employed. The draft Regulation states that athletic coaches shall not promote or require student participation in any private training, practice, camp, non-District team, or clinic. In addition, athletic coaches shall not make team roster selections or playing time

decisions based on student participation in any private coaching or training. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on December 5, 2016.

Regulation 6141: Nondiscrimination of Students in School and Classroom Practices

The District prohibits any form of discrimination. Revisions to the Policy and Regulation include an expanded definition of nondiscrimination. Students will not be discriminated against based on race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ancestry, national origin or handicap/disability. The Regulation states that all students have the right to equitable access to facilities, activities, programs, and instruction. Requests for facilities access will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable law. Students will not be required to take or be denied enrollment in a course on the basis of their gender identity. The revisions to the Regulation were approved for posting.

Policies and Regulations for Review and Discussion

Policy and Regulation 6146: Student Athletics

Revisions to the Policy and Regulation include the determination of gender eligibility. The District will follow the guidelines as set forth in Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) with regard to mixed gender participation in athletics in a manner that does not limit the ability of that District team to participate in competitions, including playoffs, with other teams of the District's team's gender designation. Another revision included clarification that any proposed new sport will initially be offered either as an intramural or club sport while student interest grows and participation develops. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on December 5, 2016.

Other

A Policy and Regulation on Adult Student Boundaries, as well as revisions to Policy 4520 Tutoring for a Fee will be drafted and presented at a future Policy Committee meeting.

Future Meetings

Additional meetings are scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016.

All meetings are held at the Tredyffrin/Easttown Administration Offices, 940 West Valley Road, Suite 1700, in Room 200 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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.