

**Draft Pending Committee Approval
Policy Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 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: None

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

Community Members: None.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

None.

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 January 23, 2017.

Policy and Regulation 4520: Tutoring for a Fee

Revisions to the existing Policy and newly drafted Regulation include language to emphasize that teachers and other instructional staff are prohibited from tutoring their own current students for a fee. Teachers and other instruction staff who tutor for a fee may not do so in the school building and may not use District resources, such as their assigned computer or classroom materials. Solicitation for tutoring for a fee may not occur on District property or through any District means of communication.

Information

None

Follow Up from Previous Policy Committee Meeting

None

Policies and Regulations for Review and Discussion

Policy and Regulation 4344: Electronic Communication between Employees and Students

This Policy was recommended to be repealed and the Regulation to be rescinded as the content is being subsumed in the new Policy and Regulation 5461: Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on January 23, 2017.

Policy and Regulation 5461: Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries with Students

This new Policy and Regulation applies to District Adults which includes employees, volunteers, student teachers, and independent contractors. The Policy and Regulation address a range of behaviors that includes unlawful or improper interactions with students. All District Adults shall be expected to maintain professional, moral and ethical relationships with District students that are conducive to an effective, safe learning environment. Expectations of behavior and prohibited conduct are outlined, including the content from Policy and Regulation 4344: Electronic Communication between Employees and Students. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on January 23, 2017.

Policy and Regulation 4035: Attire and Appearance

Revisions to the existing Policy include the new title of Dress and Appearance. The new Regulation provides guidelines to appropriate dress and appearance for employees and specifies restrictions to the promotion of religion and political advocacy. The Policy will be sent to the Board of School Directors for a first reading at their meeting on January 23, 2017.

The following Policies and Regulations were discussed as part of an ongoing cyclical review

Policy 6112: School Day

This Policy was last revised in 1994. The committee reviewed the Policy and no changes were recommended.

Policy and Regulation 6153: Classroom Field Trips

This Policy was last revised in 1998 and the Regulation was last revised in 2006. The Policy and Regulation will be brought back to the committee after a legal review.

Policy 6220: Charter Schools

This Policy was last revised in 1999. The Policy will be brought back to the committee after a legal review.

Other

The 2017 Policy Committee Goals were revised as indicated below.

Future Meetings

Additional meetings are scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2017, Thursday, March 16, 2017, Thursday, April 20, 2017 and Thursday, May 18, 2017. 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 8:44 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.