

Policy Committee minutes

March 12th 2015

Present: Joe Phelan, Mark Fleischhauer, Lisa Rosenthal, Diane Lyons

The committee first reviewed and approved the changes to the Homework policy. Joe will next have the administrators review the changes.

A new policy was proposed on religious exemptions for immunizations. The committee discussed this at length. Under the law there is no exemptions for philosophical, Political, scientific, or sociological objections. The only allowable exemptions are medical which must be verified by a doctor or a sincere religious belief. Currently parents fill out a form explaining why they are requesting a religious exemption and the building principal must determine if this is a sincerely held belief. The principal may at that time request additional supporting documents. The committee would like to further explore a possible policy that would require supporting documentation and assign one person in the district to make these determinations. If the board is in support of this the committee will consult our legal counsel first. There would be no change to the medical exemption procedure.

The committee next continued the review of all the districts policies.

4810-Approach to instruction- The committee would like to clarify what speakers who are also candidates for public office can bring to the classroom or distribute to students. The committee was unsure if new regulations would be the best approach or a change to the policy. Joe will work on making a regulation first.

4820-Religion and the schools – no change

4821-National Historic events in the schools-no change

4830-Annmal dissection- No change

5020.1-Sexual Harassment of Students- no change

5020.2-Racial Harassment of students- This policy may now be covered in DASA. Joe will check with legal counsel.

5020.3-Students with disabilities pursuant to section 504-Joe will consult with Mr.Zipp to see if this policy is up to date and still relevant.

5100-Comprehensive student attendance policy-must remove” no open campus” and check on attendance interventions. This will be discussed next time.

Next meeting April 9th 2015

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lyons

