Policy Committee Meeting

November 10, 2011

Minutes

**Present:** Elissa Cascio, Mark Fleischhaur, Karen Hatter, Joe Phelan

**Items Discussed:**

1. New Policy #4329 – Homeless Children and Youth

* Received draft for review and discussion at next meeting
* Comprehensive approach to all aspects of this issue

1. Review of Policy #5305 – Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

* Issues raised to revisit:
  + Repeat violation (is a 5 month non-participation consequence too harsh?)
  + Consider conflicts with approach to discipline taken in #5300 – Code of Conduct
  + Don’t lessen expectations of, or responsibility of, students in Extracurriculars
  + Allow for context of events to be considered / Leave room for judgment
  + Offer alternatives to current consequences (i.e., peer judiciary)
  + Consider opportunities to strive for balance between school employees’ obligations to report incidents, and fostering trust between students and trusted adults (what does the district have to ensure an employee does when it becomes a situation of “had reason to know” and therefore we have to “do something?”
  + Specify what the goals should be of any educational component (i.e., even if simply to clarify that it will be “situationally appropriate.”
  + Investigations (philosophical approach?)
  + Look at Athletic Contract, along with 5305 and 5300, for any inconsistencies

**Next Meeting:** December 8th

Agenda: Committee members will come prepared for in-depth discussion of same policies / items

Respectfully submitted by Elissa Cascio