Educational Policy Committee

Minutes
October 5, 2021
7:00 - 8:00pm
The Forum, Mt. Blue Campus

Members: Gwen Doak, **Wayne Kinney,** Mark Prentiss, Dorothy "Dee" Robinson, Debbie Smith

Members Absent: Mark Prentiss, Debbie Smith
Other Board Members Present: None
Staff: Chris Elkington, Laura Columbia, Nancy Allen

1. Call meeting to order - Chair Kinney
    a. 7:14 pm
    b. Welcome new member, Dee Robinson
2. Review approved minutes from the last meeting - Kinney
    a. When the notes are sent out with the first board agenda of the month that is the time for committee members to:
        i. Review and send changes to the chair of the committee before the board meeting
            1. Correct Debbie Smith's name on the top section (current as Debbis)
        ii. Review and then suggest changes at the board meeting
3. Meeting Organization Adjustments - Elkington
    a. Can we: Add 15 Minutes to each Committee Meeting and/or pick another day for one of the committee meetings?
        i. What do you need for the meeting?
        ii. More information? Clearer what?
        iii. Other committees have reported that they will run a tighter meeting. But there are also concerns around how much efficiency can be done and ensuring enough time is given to topics. The recommendation is that more information also be given prior to the meeting.
            1. Discussion was heard regarding adding more time to the meeting. As well as meeting on another Tuesday if it was necessary to meet due to the items on the agenda. If this

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committee wants to go to 7pm-8:15pm, as it would be doable. Committee supported the time adjustment.

4. Strategic Planning Update - Kinney
   a. Committee will meet tomorrow and had their first meeting last week. We will begin moving aggressively towards getting public input. It is a well-rounded group.
5. Adult Ed Review - Allen
   a. [Policy review](#)
   b. [Graduation requirements](#)
      i. Nancy Allen reviewed the state requirements and the recommended credit requirements. She has conferred with MBHS Principal Poulin. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the recommended policy, The committee recommended that the policy, IHB, would come back to the committee at the next meeting after Director Allen makes some adjustments.
6. High School Textbook Discussion - Columbia
      - *Kindred*, Octavia Butler
      - *They Called Us Enemy*, George Takei
      - *Born A Crime*, Trevor Noah
      - *Ground Zero*, Alan Gratz (corrected)
      - *The Poet X*, Elizabeth Acevedo
   B. There was much discussion about the topics and authors.
   C. The board subcommittee recommends these textbooks be moved to the school board for approval.
7. Policy requests tabled from the last meeting - Elkington
   a. [Board Self Evaluation](#)
      i. A recommended policy that we currently do not have. Committee members will review and bring any questions to the next committee meeting.
   b. [Volunteer Policy](#)
      i. We currently do not have this policy, but it is strongly recommended that we do.
         1. A basic background check could be done every few years instead of doing fingerprints every couple of years as was discussed and if the board decides to implement this policy. Committee members will review and bring any questions to the next committee meeting.
8. New Policies - Elkington

    a. Facilities Planning: [FB](#)
        i. A recommended policy that we currently have, but needs to have multiple changes to. Committee members will review and bring any questions to the next committee meeting.

9. Updates to Policies - Elkington-postponed to a future agenda
    a. Transgender Student Guidelines: [ACAA-A](#)
        i. Suggested changes

10. Future Agenda Items - Kinney
    a. CTE Live Work Policy
    b. Update from Adult Ed on Policy IHB
    c. Grant Review & Approval Process & Admin Procedures
    d. 2021-2022 Policy Review Plan
        i. MSMA Cross-reference quick review
    e. Strategic Planning Update
    f. Updates to Policies - Elkington-
        i. Transgender Student Guidelines: [ACAA-A](#) postponed to a future agenda
    g. [Board Self Evaluation](#)
    h. [Volunteer Policy](#)
    i. Facilities Planning: [FB](#)
        i. Revisions to policy.