Educational Policy Committee Minutes

March 2, 2021 7:00 - 8:00pm

Meeting video - https://vimeo.com/519053859

Members: Wayne Kinney, Angela LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, **Debbie Smith**,

Craig Stickney

Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Monique Poulin, Laura Columbia

- 1. Antiracism Committee Update (Laura Columbia)
 - a. Laura shared the history of the inception this summer of the Antiracism Committee, as well as the sub-committees that developed: Curriculum Review, Let's Talk About Race (open discussion), Professional Development and Community Outreach, and Response to Racism in RSU 9. We also have a student group, which is invited to the larger Antiracism Committee.
 - b. The committee expressed gratitude that RSU 9 is working on this topic and appreciation for those involved. Questions were heard regarding the curriculum and any potential changes. Accomplishments included a wider variety of books, classroom discussions, and sharing resources with staff.
- 2. <u>IKF: Graduation Requirements</u> (Laura Columbia and Adrienne Davis, Social Studies Department Coordinator at MBHS)
 - a. Review and discuss potential changes
 - The proposed language change regarding social studies was discussed.
 Questions were asked regarding how it will impact students and the types of courses offered.
- 3. Policy review schedule going forward (Debbie Smith)
 - a. 20 policies that have not been reviewed since 2009
 - i. Andy Hutchins will reach out to Debbie Smith regarding the Competitive Food Sales policy
 - ii. Affirmative Action Policy is on the next agenda list for review
 - iii. Grading and Reporting Policy was created in 2017 and then removed in 2019/2020. Might be redundant/repetitive.
 - iv. BBA-Board relations should be considered.
 - b. There was discussion regarding the policy process and if we should make adjustments. Monique Poulin will have a resource shared with the Board Subcommittee with updated information on policies.
- 4. Future meeting agenda items
 - a. Review Policy AC Non-Discrimination / Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action for alignment with pending policies ACAB Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees and ACAB-R Employee

Discrimination/Harassment and Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures

b. Graduation Requirements