

Educational Policy Committee

Minutes

September 3, 2019

7:00-8:30 pm at Chef's Table

Members: Iris Silverstein, Angela LeClair, Cherieann Harrison, Debbie Smith, and Lidie Robbins

Absent: Craig Stickney

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Tina Meserve, Laura Columbia, Doug Hodum

1. Curriculum Update

- a. PBE Data were reviewed from the survey conducted last year. Discussions included grading, distribution of grades, comparing previous years' data. Laura shared that we received positive value ratings (3's or 4's on a 1-4 scale) for all the major instructional practices being implemented in RSU 9. The list included: use of rubrics, an opportunity for reassessment, clear learning targets, multiple opportunities to demonstrate learning, reporting of habits of work, reporting of standards.
- b. Questions included the kind of data gathered and what future questions might be included to gather feedback on the quality and consistency of implementation of these instructional practices.
- c. Communication with key constituents was identified as a continued need.
- d. Committee members were asked to write up 1-2 questions they would like to be considered for the next survey.
- e. Laura and Tina will present an update to the board and the next steps in the implementation process.

2. Review School Documents: Syllabus Template, Faculty Grading Guide and Family Grading Guide

- a. The committee discussed the documents shared. Two committee members shared concerns that the Family Grading Guide may be difficult for some parents to understand. Teachers participated in the creation of the document and have not reported any concerns/complaints. Teachers discuss grading expectations with parents as needed. Iris and Liddie are willing to meet with Laura and share the parts they feel are difficult to understand.

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3. Review IKA - Reporting and Grading
 - a. This is not a required policy. It was tabled last year while changes were made to our system. It is not aligned with current practices and needs to be updated or dissolved.
 - b. All the information in the policy is in our Family Grading Guide, Faculty Grading Guide and/or student handbook.
 - c. Debbie Smith moved to dissolve the policy IKA, and keep information in the handbook, Angie LeClair seconded the policy. All present moved to send the policy to the school board with a recommendation to dissolve.
 - d. Double-check on IKF for any changes or modifications that need to be made with the potential of IKF being dissolved.

4. Review Policy [JKDA-R Student Suspension Regulations](#)
 - a. Postponed until the next meeting. *(this was tabled from 7/25 meeting)
(this went to first the first reading in June 2018 but never to a 2nd reading. Will be reviewed by policy committee before it goes to full Board)

Adjourn 8:40 pm