

Policy Committee

Minutes

11/7/05

Present:

Co-Chair Holly Sims and Board Member Steve Trombley. Also present: Garth Frechette, Keith Lapier, Sue Coonrod, Cyd Deming, Duffy Nelson, Michelle Rowell, Sae-Lyn Garrant, Patience Landry, Stacy Bobbie, Kerie Wood

Absent: Co-Chair Stan Kourofsky and Board Member Karen Armstrong

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Topic: Student Fund Raising Activities Policy

It was explained that there is currently no such policy in place. NYSSBA has provided us with a sample policy. Also 2 articles from OnBoards were referenced. Copies of all 3 were distributed and used as a basis for discussion.

Each school discussed how they currently approach fundraising and potential implications were noted with respect to the sample policy. Several questions were raised which require follow-up.

Action:

Holly will contact Jessica Goldstein, Policy Analyst from NYSSBA and get clarification on the following:

1. Is internal use of the fundraising proceeds considered a “charitable purpose.” For example, a fundraiser in which the proceeds are used for the junior prom.
2. Ref.#2 on sample policy: “School personnel may not act as a conduit and collect funds...” Does this refer to outside organizations only or are the school personnel not allowed to handle any fundraising money?
3. If fund raising occurs totally outside of school (i.e. heart walk), can the school’s name still be associated with the activity?
4. Ref. last paragraph of sample policy: “Elementary students are not permitted to solicit funds on a door to door basis.” Is 6th grade considered elementary school even though we (at BCS) treat it as middle school?
5. How does FSO/PTO fit into this? Since they are a separate organization, how does the law apply to them?

Patience Landry indicated that we must also mention that applicable taxes must be remunerated to the proper taxing authorities if applicable to the fundraiser.

Next meeting

Date: 11/28/05 – Note: this is different date from the original schedule.

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: MS/HS Library

Topic: Student Fund Raising Activities Policy

If we complete that policy with sufficient time we may return to Extra-curricular Activities Code of Conduct if Stan Kourofsky has the documents prepared.