

OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL
201 North Scoville Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302

Policy Evaluation and Goals Committee
June 14, 2016

A Policy Evaluation and Goals Committee meeting was held on June 14, 2016. Chair Spivy called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. in the Board Room. Committee members present were Jennifer Cassell, Dr. Steven Gevinson, and Sara Spivy. Also present were Dr. Steven T. Isoye, Superintendent; Philip M. Prale, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Support Services; Michael Carioscio, Chief Information Official; Tod Altenburg, Chief School Board Official; Sheila Hardin, Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair; Amy Hill, Director of Research and Assessment; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors: Jason Dennis, OPRFHS Assistant Principal of Instruction

Public Comments

None

Minutes

The PEG Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the April 19, 2016 PEG meeting as presented.

Policies for First Reading

Dr. Gevinson moved to recommend that the Board of Education approves the following policies for first reading at its regular June Board of Education meeting; seconded by Ms. Cassell. A voice vote resulted in motion carried.

Action and Policy	Explanation
Policy 6:40, Curriculum Development	The District's attorney recommended amending the policy as presented by the IASB.
Policy 7:220, Bus Conduct	The District's attorney recommends that the best reading of the statute is that the provisions of SB 100 do in fact apply to bus suspensions and that the IASB policy reflects a good faith reading of the statute and is the most legally conservative reading.
Policy 7:300, Extra Curricular Activities	IASB recommended amending this policy's Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation and subscriber feedback. This policy's purpose is to establish basic requirements for students to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities.
Policy 7:310, Restrictions on Publications	IASB changes to this policy reflect rapid technology changes. A section was also added regarding Bullying and Cyberbullying in response to School Code.
Policy 7:325, Student Fund-raising Activities	The policy is RENAMED to align with the State and national lunch programs' use of fundraising without a hyphen. The recommendation is for Option A and door-to-door solicitations are prohibited OR B - , and door-to-door solicitations are discouraged.

	<p>The District’s current practice/policy regarding door-to-door solicitations is that they are discouraged.</p>
<p>Policy 8:10, Connection with Community</p>	<p>IASB added new subheads: The text within the Public Relations subhead is amended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify the superintendent and board president’s roles in the introductory paragraph, “The Board President is the official spokesperson for the School Board. The Superintendent is the District’s chief spokesperson and. The Superintendent or designee shall plan and implement a District public relations program that will:”. 2. Shorten text at number 7 to “Keep the news media provided with accurate information accurately informed.” 3. Add a new number 8, which reads “8. Coordinate with the District Safety Coordinator to provide accurate and timely information to the appropriate individuals during an emergency.” 4. Clarify the text in numbers one and two of the paragraph, “The public relations program should include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular news releases concerning District programs, policies, and activities that will be sent activities, and special event management for distribution by, for example, posting on the District website or sending to the news media. 2. News conferences and interviews, as requested or needed. The Board President and Superintendent will coordinate their respective media relations efforts. Individuals may speak for the District only with prior approval from the Superintendent.” <p>The Community Engagement subhead is a new option for boards that complete the work necessary to develop and implement a community engagement initiative.</p>
<p>Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property</p>	<p>IASB recommends amending the policy because of recent updates discussed in 5:50, <i>Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition</i>. The policy’s optional provision for number 3 adds the exception for guns on school campus and now reads as follows: ; however, An individual licensed to carry a concealed firearm under the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act is permitted to: (a) carry a concealed firearm within a vehicle into a parking area controlled by a school or the District and may store a firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the vehicle in the parking area, and/or (b) carry a concealed firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle in a parking area controlled by a school or the District for the limited purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the vehicle’s trunk. The Committee asked that the administration check with the attorney as to what kind of controls the District could implement for the parking garage, the Pilgrim lot as the District rents that from the Village, i.e., can no gun signs be displayed in these areas. Does the garage</p>

	fall under the “school property” category as the Village owns it, but resides on school property?
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Superintendent Evaluation

There was a consensus among the Policy Committee members to send out the current superintendent evaluation form to all Board of Education members, even though Dr. Isoye is leaving, and ask them to complete it. Several Board of Education members have not gone through this experience previously, and the thought was that it would be a useful tool to reflect on what Board of Education members would want in a new superintendent. Responses should be sent to Ms. Kalmerton, and she will compile the responses. The superintendent evaluation may be included on the Board of Education agenda under discussion.

End of Year Update on Board of Goals

The Board of Education this year used the themes of the strategic plan for guidance with its goals and established 15 action items. It is important to recognize that the goals do not represent all of the work requested by the Board from the administration. The color code indicates the current status (Green = Completed, Yellow = started and progressing, Red = is not on track).

Dr. Isoye was asked whether the volume of Board of Education goals established for this year was appropriate. His response was that the setting of goals early was helpful with communication, but that the number of goals had been too ambitious. Some of the goals are larger than others, and many of the goals/initiatives continue from one year to another. The Board of Education needs to be aware that the administration continues to work and report on those goals as well. Ms. Cassell had suggested that the Board of Education has only one goal—equity—to focus on that subject. Dr. Isoye suggested using smart goals. He urged the Board of Education to be mindful of the administration and that it may be easier for an interim to carry forward the Board of Education’s communication. Concern was expressed about the effectiveness of an interim superintendent and the carrying out of these initiatives. Dr. Gevinson reflected that all of the things that need to get done would get done, so calling it goal will not make a difference. Some things started as Board of Education initiatives, i.e., CCB, a deeper dive on hiring, the 1:1 project. The Board of Education cannot add another 15 goals to the last 15 goals. The goal document is fluid, and if the Board of Education goes with fewer goals, the District will progress with the present ones. Amy Hill is working with Lincoln Chandler and the DLT about metrics to make this more manageable. The metrics discussion occurred in the SPOC with suggestions for smart goals. This discussion will continue.

Culture, Climate and Behavior Committee (CCB)

Ms. Spivy reported that the CCB last met in May, and a smaller committee will be meeting this summer to develop days, dates and agendas for next year.

New Business

None

Adjournment

At 6:05 p.m., the Policy Evaluation and Goals Committee adjourned.

Submitted by
 Gail Kalmerton
 Clerk of the Board