

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

January 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Pat O'Neill, Charles Haughey, Sagar Sanghvi, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Lori-Christina Webb, Susan Falkenhan, Judy Lewis, Greg Thornton, Karen Crawford, Betsy Brown, Karen Harvey, Frank Stetson, and Don Kress.

Policy IPD – Travel Study Programs, Field Trips, and Student Organizations

The committee reviewed the public comments and determined there was no need to change any of the language. The committee agreed to send the policy to the January 13, 2004, Board meeting for final approval.

Policy CNA – Informational Material and Announcements

The committee decided to clarify the language in the policy to make it clear that the approved material for distribution to students included licensed day care **for those operating on school campuses**. The policy was scheduled for tentative action by the Board on January 13, 2004.

Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

Staff suggested and the committee agreed that the attendance policy should be delayed until the implementation of the grading and reporting policy has completed its cycle. That determination and approval for the six-year roll out of the implementation plan will be acted on by the Board at its January 13, 2004, meeting.

Staff explained the six-year roll-out plan of the grading and reporting implementation. There was a discussion of the plan, communications with staff and parents, professional development, alignment of standards-based reporting, and special populations. The grade will demonstrate mastery of the content, and the grade will not include non-academic effort, such as attendance and participation. If a student is performing below grade level, there will be additional opportunities to master the material. It was agreed that there must be extensive staff development and communication with all stakeholders.

There was a discussion about the report card, grades, life skills, and transcripts. It was suggested that colleges be surveyed for their perspectives.

After the presentation to the Board of January 13, the committee recommended that staff report regularly to the committee and Board.

Policies for Rescission

The committee reviewed governance and operational policies that have been superceded by law or practice. It was decided that the all policy rescissions will be sent to the Board for its review prior to final action.

Future Agenda Items

1. Policy FFA – *Naming School Facilities*
2. Policy FED – *Reduction of Funds Retained Pending Completion of a Contract*
3. Policy IJA – *Counseling and Guidance*

The next meetings are:

February 3, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

March 10, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.