

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

January 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Valerie Ervin, Pat O'Neill, Sagar Sanghvi, Roland Ikheloa, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Susan Falkenhan, Karen Harvey, Betsy Brown, Matt Tronzano, Karen Crawford, Dale Fulton, Diane Mohr, Frieda Lacey, Robin Confino, Trish Janus, Laura Steinberg, Pat Kelly, Judy Pattik, Brad Chaney, Gwen Mason, Donna Hollingshead, Brian Edwards, and Jody Silvio.

Policy GAA – Positive Work Environment in a Self-Renewing Organization

The committee reviewed the changes in the policy that were suggested at the last meeting. Based on the new overarching policy, the Policies GEA, GEB, and GJA will be rescinded at the same time as the new policy is approved by the Board. The policy will be scheduled for tentative Board approval at the next agenda-setting meeting on January 11, 2005.

Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

Staff presented the new electronic report card. The process includes an assessment plan and monitoring tool that leads to the report card. There will be a brochure for parents to explain the new format. It was the consensus of the committee that the report card must be clear, concise, and meaningful to parents.

Staff presented a one-page policy/implementation handout. In general, the committee was pleased with the document that explains the implementation of the policy.

Since there is rampant inconsistency at the secondary level, the committee suggested that the implementation of the policy should be focused at the elementary level. In the interim, staff will build capacity in the secondary schools to enforce consistency and the complete execution of the grading and reporting policy. The committee asked for a recommendation and timeline for implementation at all school levels.

Policies for Recission

The committee reviewed the recommendation for policies to be rescinded. Policies GEA, GEB, and GJA will be rescinded when the new Policy GAA is approved (see above). All of the other policies will be brought to the next meeting with a crosswalk to illustrate how the policies are addressed in other policies or regulations.

Policy IOB – Education of Students with Disabilities

Staff reported that the work group has been formed and the policy is being drafted. There will be no dramatic changes in the policy since federal and state law mandate education for disabled students.

February 9, 2005, Meeting – 2:30 p.m.

Policy FAA – Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning

List of Policies to be Rescinded with Crosswalk

Implementation of Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.