

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

April 13, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. with the following people present: Sharon Cox (chair), Valerie Ervin, Pat O'Neill, Sagar Sanghvi, George Margolies, Glenda Rose (recorder), Harriet Potosky, Susan Falkenhan, Karen Harvey, Robin Confino, Lori-Christina Webb, Betsy Brown, Matt Tronzano, Diane Mohr, Jane Butler, George Wimberly, and Marilyn Powell.

**Policy GAA – Positive Work Environment in a Self-renewing Organization**

The committee made a few edits based on comments from the public. The policy will go to the Board on May 10, 2005, for final approval.

**Policy ABA – Community Involvement**

Ms. Butler presented to the committee the steps taken to date for revision of the policy. The work group has been selected, the work group has met three times, and M-PAC's vision and recommendations have been reviewed. At its April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the committee will review a draft policy. A preliminary draft will be available for the committee's review at the June meeting.

**Update on Policy IKA – Grading and Reporting**

Ms. Brown handed out a sheet with the responsibilities of the Implementation Team. She explained the involvement of all of the major offices in MCPS. Dr. Harvey updated the committee regarding the electronic report cards, and the pilot in a maximum of 20 schools. There has been agreement on the reteach/reassess procedures, and now staff will review homework and grading scales. The committee decided that there should be a briefing for the full Board.

**Policy FAA – Long Range Educational Facilities Planning**

The format for the April 21<sup>st</sup> Policy Committee meeting and forum was discussed.

**Regulation JEA-RA – Loss of Credit**

Staff brought a data sheet in an effort to determine if the policy provides incentive for students to attend class. During the conversation, it became clear that there was a need to identify a process for clean reporting of data, accountability of staff, and training. Committee members expressed concern over the lack of consistency among schools and among teachers within schools. Ultimately, it was decided that the committee would send a letter to the superintendent requesting specific information to be collected and a timeline for the data.

**May 11, 2005, Meeting** – 2:30 p.m.

Update on Policy IKA  
Review of Policy FAA

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.