

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE**

September 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following committee member and support staff present: Sharon Cox (chair), Steve Abrams, Pat O'Neill, Sarah Horvitz, Roland Ikheloa, Marlene Hartzman, and Glenda Rose (recorder).

Staff present: Stephanie Williams, Harriet Potosky, Lori-Christina Webb, Betsy Brown, Linda Ferrell, Elaine Chang, Cathy Pevey, Faith Connelly, and Shahpar Modarresi.

Others Present: Jane de Winter.

Policy IEB – Middle School Education

Staff presented the changes to the policy that had been incorporated from the committee, staff, and stakeholders. The committee suggested several edits to clarify the language of the policy. The committee suggested that there be a general glossary, especially where the same terms were used throughout policies. The policy is scheduled for tentative approval at the November 14, 2006, Board of Education meeting.

Review of Grading and Reporting Presentation to the Board

Staff updated the committee on the presentation plan for the September 14, 2006, Board of Education meeting. The areas included collaboration and communication, implementation, professional development, and technology.

Preliminary Review of Mr. Abrams' New Business

Mr. Abrams stated that the reason he brought this item forward was to receive more constructive testimony. With guiding principles and expectations from the Board, the public will have an obligation to present facts and clearly state when the testimony is opinion. It was suggested that the Board Office work with MCCPTA to develop a guide book on more effective advocacy by community and parent groups. The chair suggested that staff take the concepts from this meeting, define opportunities, strategies for effective advocacy, and resources for information. The staff will come back to the committee with an outline, framework, and recommendation.

Committee Work Plan for 2006-07

The committee reviewed the committee's work plan for 2006-07. That plan included:

1. Policy BBB, *Ethics*
2. Policy EEA, *Student Transportation*
3. Policy IEA, *Framework and Structure of Early Childhood/Elementary Education*

4. Policy IEB, *Framework and Structure of Middle School Education*
5. Policy IED, *Framework and Structure of High School Education*
6. Policy ISA, *High School Graduation Requirements and Waiver of Four-Year Enrollment Requirement for Graduation*
7. Policy FFA, *Naming School Facilities*
8. Policy GBD, *Recognition of Employees*
9. Policy GEE, *Teachers and Principals Holding Second Class Certificates*
10. Policy GDA, *Pre-Employment Physical Examinations*

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.