

River Ridge School District
Policy/Curriculum Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2016

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kerri Schier at 5:15 pm in the Superintendent's Office/Board Room.

II. Roll Call

Board Committee members Jason Cathman, Emilie Mumm, and Kerri Schier were present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey and Special Education Director Trudy DeSimons.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Statement of Notice

Kerri Shier stated that public notice of this meeting was provided on July 28, 2016 at noon. Jason Cathman moved to approve that this action occurred. Emilie Mumm seconded this motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

V. Appearances

There were none.

VI. Old Business

A. 445.3 Student Suspensions/Expulsions

The Committee is recommending to bring the current policy forward for a first reading of the Board with slight revisions. In the paragraph under "Suspension", the committee would like to give administration leeway of suspending students 5 school days (instead of 3). And, under "Expulsion", Take out the very last sentence and replace it with "all student expulsions, including those involving students with disabilities, shall follow all statutory procedures and requirements." Trudy DeSimons said that it is important for principals to make her (and the student's caseload teacher) aware of any Special Needs students involved in a disciplinary matter that could lead to a suspension and/or an expulsion. She also wanted it to be made clear that any suspended student – regular ed. or special ed. – has the right to make up/turn in any assignments they missed due to the suspension.

The Committee is also recommending that it is not necessary (required) that the Board be contacted by administration regarding discipline matters pertaining to drugs in the school. They would prefer not to know up front anything about a disciplining matter until such time that an expulsion hearing becomes necessary, and they would need to hear about it then. Should a board member be

contacted by someone about a behavioral/disciplining incident at school, they should refer that person to speak to that principal.

With these changes, this policy is ready to go to the full board for a first reading at its August 11, 2016 regular school board meeting.

B. 441.1 Search Policy

The committee recommended no changes to this existing school board policy and would like to see it go to the full board for a first reading at its August 11, 2016 regular school board meeting.

C. Long-Range Plan Recommendations to Board Regarding “Academics” and “Co- & Extracurricular Activities”

Dr. Athey requested that the Policy/Curriculum Committee develop a recommendation to the full board regarding long-range planning goals for “Academics” and “Co- & Extracurricular Activities”. Administration has begun to address some of the recommendations from the citizen advisory groups but would like to be working from a formal long range plan for the district.

Regarding co and extracurricular activity planning, Dr. Athey shared a draft survey instrument which he developed to learn which co- & extracurricular activities 7th-12th grade students would like to see offered. The Committee offered two edits to the survey-- on page 2 (question #4), it was suggested to change “Video Club” to “Media Club” and, on page 3 (question #6), it was suggested to add “Fishing Club” as a choice since we live so close to a state park and the Mississippi & Wisconsin Rivers. With these changes, the Committee is comfortable with Administration administering the survey in September to 7-12 grade students.

VII. New Business

- A. 347 Student Records [Revised] – This policy is coming to the Committee due to 2015 Wisconsin Act 161 which added a new exception to confidentiality related to disclosure of student records. After reviewing the redline copy, the Committee recommended the revised policy go to the full board on Aug. 11 for a first reading.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next Policy/Curriculum Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 5:15 pm.

IX. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items

Jason Cathman said if it is to become the practice of videotaping school board/committee meetings, then this Committee should be addressing policies pertaining to videotaping meetings/accessing videos to board/committee meetings.

X. Adjournment

Jason Cathman made the motion for adjournment. Emilie Mumm seconded this motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.