

**RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Committee chair Jason Cathman at 5:15 p.m. in the Superintendent’s office.
- II. **Roll Call** – Board Committee members Jason Cathman, Emilie Mumm, and Kerri Schier were present. Superintendent Dr. Jeff Athey was also present.
- III. **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
- IV. **Statement of Notice** – J. Cathman stated that public notice of the meeting was provided on August 31, w016 at 12:00 p.m. Emilie Mumm made the motion to approve the posting. J. Cathman seconded and the motion carried on a voice vote.
- V. **Appearances** – There were none.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. 720 Safety Program – The Committee reviewed the following addition to Policy 720 In response to a board member request made at the August 11 Board meeting: “If practical, the district administrator (or designee) will notify board members of instances when public safety personnel (law enforcement, fire department, EMT’s) have been on school grounds for school purpose.” The Committee recommended that the revised policy be brought to the Board on September 13, 2016 for a first reading.
 - b. 447.3 (445.3) Student Suspensions/Expulsions – The Committee agreed to bring this revised policy to the Board on Sept. 13 for a first reading. Revisions include: changing the number of days that an administrator can suspend from 3 to 5. And, under “Expulsions”, adding a last sentence that reads “All student expulsions, including those involving students with disabilities, shall follow all statutory procedures and requirements.”
 - c. 441.1 Search Policy – The Committee recommends this policy for a second reading by the Board on Sept. 13 to approve a policy number change to 446 and to change the name of the policy to “Student Search Activities”. No other changes to the policy are recommended. The Committee believes the various searches are clearly explained and understandable.
 - d. 347 Student Records Policy – The Committee recommends this policy for a second reading by the Board on Sept. 13 to insert a new paragraph compliant with new WI legislation.
- VII. **Long-range plan recommendations to the Board regarding Academics and Co-curricular Activities** – The Committee reviewed the community task force recommendations for “Academics and Co and Extracurricular Activities”. The Committee worked to identify those task

force recommendations which they wished to submit to the RRSD Board for inclusion in the district's long-range plan.

The Committee reviewed the following Task Force recommendations regarding Academics
Recommendation 1: To offer more high school advanced placement classes. Currently, AP English Language and AP Social Studies are offered at RRSD. Nicole Bailey, RRSD science teacher, has expressed interest in teaching an AP Biology class beginning in 2017/18. There is no AP math class. It was discussed that students could take AP classes via distance education. It was also suggested that 8th graders may take Algebra 1 for high school credit, and, if they took a math class each year, they could get to AP Calculus by their senior year. It was suggested that we may want to offer statistics as part of the math curriculum.

Recommendation 2: Offer more hands-on skills and training for daily life/work. In addition to the task force recommendation of teaching ag mechanics and construction, the Policy/Curriculum Committee thought our students would benefit in learning how to use a checkbook, a debit/credit card, information about insurance/deductibles, and the process of taking out a loan. We no longer offer a Family and Careers class which may have taught these life skills.

Recommendation 3: Facility recommendations related to Academics (these are currently being addressed by the full board).

Recommendation 4: Resource recommendations (non-staff related) The Committee talked about 1 to 1 platforms (e.g., putting a Chromebook in the hands of students – grades 9-12, or 7-12, or 5-12) to use as school and home. (The Technology Committee is researching this to see whether we could launch the concept by next year.) It was noted that we should look at use of e-books vs. purchasing printed textbooks.

Recommendation 5: Staffing resources – the hiring, development, and retention of staff – Dr. Athey noted that while the district has been unable to hire a full-time Librarian (due to shortages of licensed staff), one of our teacher aides has been assigned to offer tech support to students and teachers.

Recommendation 6: General Comments and Recommendations – An accelerated reading program was recommended by the community task force. The Policy and Curriculum Committee has yet to discuss this recommendation.

Regarding Co and Extracurricular Opportunities – A survey instrument has been created to poll 7-12 grade students to find out which co-curricular activities they are currently in and what activities they would like to see offered. Dr. Athey is working to have the survey administered in September so the Policy and Curriculum Committee can review in October.

VIII. Next Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

IX. Member Suggestions and Recommendations for Future Items – There were no suggestions from the Policy and Curriculum Committee. [NOTE: Following the Sept 7 meeting, the Staff and Employee Relations Committee asked that the Policy/Curriculum Committee develop a policy on Videotaping of School Board Meetings.]

- X. **Adjournment** – Emilie Mumm moved to adjourn. Kerri Schier seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.