

SMSD Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021 – 6:00pm

Members Present: Brad Group (chair), Denise MacIvor

Members Absent: Bethanne Sellers, Liz Knouse (Ex-officio member), Jim Estep (ex-officio member)

Administration Present – Cristeen Beck

Teacher Rep Present – Jen Chamberlin

Public Attendance - 3

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Old Business:

The committee reviewed Policies 100-108, 150 and made updates as a result of feedback from the full Board's first read.

The committee recommended Policies 100-108, 150 to be placed on the Board's October 4 agenda for a second read.

New Business:

The committee reviewed the following policies with updates, changes, and new policy language provided by SMSD administration, PSBA, and Stock & Leader. The committee recommended the policies be placed on the Board's October 4 agenda for a first read.

- A. 109- Resource Materials (updated language)
- B. 110 – Instructional Supplies (updated language)
- C. 113- Special Education (updated language)
- D. 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities (updated language)
- E. 113.2- Positive Behavior Support (updated language)
- F. 113.4- Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information (new policy)
- G. 114- Gifted Education (entire policy revised)
- H. 115- Career and Technical Education (updated language)
- I. 117- Homebound Instruction (entire policy revised)
- J. 118- Dual Enrollment/Independent Study (entire policy revised)
- K. 236- Student Assistance (new policy)
- L. 006 – Meetings (revised agenda section)
- M. 201- Admission of Students (update age requirement date)

The committee recommended the following policy be retired by the Board.

109.1- Library Collection Development (retire and adopt Administrative Regulation)

The committee reviewed the following policies with updates, changes, and new policy language provided by SMSD administration, PSBA, and Stock & Leader. The committee tabled these policies for the reasons noted.

- A. 111- Lesson Plans (updated language) - Committee had many concerns with new language and revisions. Referred to Mrs. Beck and Mr. Estep for a follow-up meeting regarding this policy.
- B. 112- Guidance Counseling (updated language) – Committee had concerns with “equal accessibility” to all students. Referred to each building principal to verify all students/grade levels receive equal number of counseling lessons per building.
- C. 113.3- Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities (update to job title/language) - Committee questioned the removal of a QIE reference. Referred to Mr. Smith for clarification.
- D. 116- Tutoring (minor update to citation) – Committee needed clarification on the definition of a Tutor. Referred to Mr. Smith for additional information.
- E. 121- Field Trips (entire policy revised) – Committee had questions regarding trips to foreign countries and other items. Referred to Mr. Hain for additional information.

Public Comment: Mrs. Yanity commented on the HS dress code policy as stated in the HS student handbook.

Mr. Hain was notified of Mrs. Yanity’s comments since School Board Policy #221 designates specific student dress code guidelines to the building principals.

Committee Comments: Mrs. MacIvor commented that the Board should either perform the annual assessment of the effectiveness of the community engagement program as required in Policy #910, or the Policy Committee should immediately propose to strike that policy language.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be October 25 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Group - Chair