

**Educational Policy Committee Meeting**  
**AGENDA/MINUTES**  
Monday, April 24, 2017  
7:00-8:00 P.M.  
Elm Street School District Conference Room

Members Present: Melanie Harvey, Ed Rabasco, Missy Hodgkin,

Members Absent: **Jack Wiseman**, Tina Love,

Other BOD Members Present: Mary Martin, (Julie Rioux, Lisa Dulac, Jen Boenig – first agenda item)

Administrators Present: Tina Meserve, Amy Hediger, Cari Medd

Staff Members Present:

**Item 1: PRHS Humanities SP: A.2.c (Cari Medd)**

English Teachers have a proposal to improve Senior English next year. This will not change graduation requirements, as the proposal still requires a full-year of English. The new proposal will break Senior English into two semester long courses. All seniors would be required to take the same Senior Writing Seminar, but the second course will offer some choice for students. The course will be Senior Reading Seminar. Courses may include options, such as, thematic courses by author, poetry and/or Shakespeare.

Cari also shared that the administrators and guidance staff are currently scheduling courses for next year. With the reduction of one English teacher, the scheduling process is more difficult. If the schedule proves too restrictive, it is possible that Cari may come to the Board with a request to break apart the double block Humanities 3 (Junior English/Social Studies Course) for separate English and Social Studies courses. This will not change credits, but will change how students get those credits.

**Item 2: Board/PRHS Student Survey (Mary Martin and Cari Medd)**

The PRHS Leadership Team has revised the Board survey to include items that will provide information that the Leadership would like to gather, as well. She shared the updated survey and the committee supported the changes. The students will take the survey next week and results will be shared with the committee next month.

**Item 3: Distribution of Flyers and Solicitation of Students (Tina Meserve)** Tina shared the guidelines she created following discussion with the building administrators. Feedback was requested concerning the inclusion of flyers from outside sources. The administrators and subcommittee members feel comfortable allowing flyers to be sent from local, non-profit groups who primarily service students of that school on a limited basis (3-4 times a year). Whenever possible, we will ask that organizations just send a blurb to the principal about events for inclusion in the principal's newsletter. We will not send information home from private, for-profit, religious or political organizations. The committee supported the guidelines. Tina will revise the guideline document and post on our website for reference.

**Item 4: Board Stipends** – Mary reviewed the discussion that started at the April meeting concerning Board stipends. The members agree to send this topic to the full Board for vote to consider a \$1,400 stipend be divided by the number of formal meetings held and paid out per meeting attended. Unused money will be divided between members on time intensive special committees of the Board, such as Budget, Negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation. Aaron also suggested adding the Board Chair as a consideration. Tina shared that the Board Chair always used to get \$500 more, but that was stopped at some point during a transition. That was likely a mistake. There will be a check in June and December.

**Adjourned: 7:56 p.m.**