

EDUCATION/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2021
5:30 P.M.
Board Room

Committee Members			Remaining Meeting Dates
	Gale Husack - Chairperson	X	Scott Pyne Monday, October 4, 2021 Monday, November 1, 2021
X	Michele Martineau. - Co-Chair	X	Robert Vlasaty
	Michelle Heckman	X	David Hauser
X	Robert Keegan, Jr.		Michael Strohl
	Matt Link	X	Todd Breiner
X	Tania Stoker	X	James Schnyderite
X	Michele Dotta		Jennifer Butz
X	Eric Hill	X	Tim Weaber
X	Gene Marks		

Also in attendance: Mr. Fedorcha, Mrs. Williams

MINUTES

EDUCATION

- Federal Programs
 - We are scheduled to be monitored this year by PDE Federal Programs.
 - Each year our elementary schools, which are our Title I schools, must submit a School-Wide Plan for the building by September 1st. Below are the Title I SWPs (which will be posted on the website) and a shorter goal sheet for each building.
 - Peters 21-22 Title I SWP and Goal Sheet
 - The process of creating a Title I plan that begins the previous school year and includes instructional data analysis, parent surveys, and stakeholder feedback.
 - There are two goals at PES - one instructional (related to 1st grade reading) and one non instructional (related to family engagement). See the Goal Sheet for details.

- ❑ Slatington 21-22 Title I SWP and Goal Sheet
 - ❑ The goals are in response to gaps that widened last year.
 - ❑ Identified that we need to have a clearly articulated curriculum to provide a roadmap for instructional planning and strategy to close the gap.
 - ❑ Imagine Learning emphasized as a support this year with adaptive programming that is standards aligned.
 - ❑ Math 180 programming will complement our existing use of Read 180 to more aggressively close gaps where they are the greatest, among our special education students.
- ❑ Recap of Professional Development
 - ❑ Opening in-service days focused on school climate, PBIS, integrating technology with the addition of our Technology Integration Specialists, data, platforms and instructional series.
 - ❑ We also highlighted the following two initiatives at the committee meeting:
 - ❑ Threat Assessment Team
 - ❑ Four teams trained, one for each building
 - ❑ Modules and virtual
 - ❑ Training to be scheduled for Navigate 360 platform.
 - ❑ Trauma Informed Care
 - ❑ Administrative planning occurred over the summer, including outlines to PD deployment.
 - ❑ Additionally, building administrators and other department leaders have begun implementing Trauma Informed practices to support staff and students:
 - ❑ Addition of a “Zen Den” with the support of PTO
 - ❑ Administration of a universal screener to identify social emotional needs
 - ❑ Continued focus on family engagement and collaboration.
 - ❑ Each building conducted PD during the opening week related to various aspects of Trauma Informed Care, such as teacher wellness, Zones of Regulation SEL curriculum, and the science and research surrounding the impact of trauma and toxic stress.

POLICY

- ❑ Policy 006 - Meetings
 - ❑ Policy 006. *Meetings* is recommended to assist with compliance with the Sunshine Act.
 - ❑ This policy is being moved forward to the School Board Meeting on September 13, 2021 for a first reading
- ❑ Policy 006.1 - Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications (Use of Teleconferencing)

- ❑ *Policy 006.1 Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications (formerly Use of Teleconferencing)* is an optional policy but one we thought was important to have at this time as it provides the ability for us to hold board meetings virtually under emergency circumstances, like the pandemic.
- ❑ We combined language from the original policy, which allowed for board members to participate via phone for certain absences, to the recommended language from PSBA for more broad emergency conditions.
- ❑ This policy is being moved forward to the School Board Meeting on September 13, 2021 for a first reading
- ❑ Policy 903 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
 - ❑ Policy 903. *Public Participation in Board Meetings* was updated in response to Act 65 of 2021 and reflects PSBA's suggested language
 - ❑ Discussion
 - ❑ The policy (on p1 and p2) states that the Board will provide a period of five (5) minutes for each public participation by individuals or groups. Board members present at the committee meeting recalled that being 3 minutes previously and recommended changing that back to 3 minutes. Discussion followed.
 - ❑ Board members present requested language be added that limited the repeating of the same statement/position multiple times by participants. Language will be added to the policy and shared with the board through a separate communication.
 - ❑ (p2) Optional language was recommended by PSBA that allowed for limiting the overall time that the public is invited to speak. After discussion and input from the public. The board members present recommended that there be no limit to the overall time that the public can speak as the ability to defer comment to the next regular meeting or a special meeting is an option as per the policy (p1).
 - ❑ It was recommended that this policy be moved to the Board Meeting on September 13, 2021 for a first reading with changes listed above. However, the administration would like to engage in further discussion with the committee at the October Education/Policy meeting regarding language in this policy.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.