



"Accepting the Challenge"

Policy Review Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.
Board Room, Administration Office

Present: P. Bartlette (Chairperson), G. Kruck, K. Sumner, Dr. D. Michaels,
G. Barnes.

Regrets: D. Karnes (alternate)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Policy Review Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:50 a.m. by the Committee Chairperson, Trustee Bartlette.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Policy Review Committee Agenda was approved as circulated.

3. COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE GOAL ITEMS

NIL

4. OTHER COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

Prior to discussing the first item on the agenda, the Committee requested that all future agendas include a copy of the previous Committee Minutes for reference and review. The Committee also held discussions regarding their work prior to the Board establishing their governance goals.

a) **Review of Board Policies using the Six Principles of Policy 1001.1 – “Equity”.**

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Policy and Procedures 4001 – “Off-Site Activities” and whether or not the policy met the six principals set out in Policy 1001.1 – “Equity”. Conversations were held regarding affordability for all students regardless of economic background while at the same time being careful not to diminish the rights of others who have the means or are willing to work to achieve those means; the true meaning of “public” education; including wording from the procedures into the policy; concerns that the Committee might be making policies too procedural with repeating statements from other policies; the need to review and update the accompanying off-site activity manual; the background work that needs to be completed prior to bringing any off-site activity request to the Board Table; the Board’s responsibility when off-site activities are presented to the Board.

It was agreed that much of the discussions held by the Committee on this topic had revolved around procedural concerns and not policy concern. Before moving forward the Committee directed Senior Administration to review the off-site manual for liability issues and affordability issues. It was further agreed that Senior Administration will include the word “affordable” in the policy and note how it relates to other policies in the form of cross-references. The Committee also noted that at the next meeting they will hold discussions regarding how they will continue the process of reviewing Board Policies using the six principals of equity.

b) **Student Support Services Agreements.**

Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the next Committee meeting and the Committee requested it be the first item on the agenda.

5. **OPERATIONS INFORMATION**

NIL

6. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, January 4, 2011, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Board Room.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Bartlette, Chair

G. Kruck

K. Sumner

D. Karnes (Alternate)