

School Board Extracurricular Committee
Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2011
Asst. Superintendent's Conference Room, 4:30 pm

Present: Dr. Chris Adams, Mr. Dan Forry, Mr. Loren Good, and Mrs. Diane Gerlach

1. Review of Board policies concerning the use of controlled substances and the impact on extracurricular participation

Dr. Adams provided the committee with copies of Board Policies 218: School Discipline, 227: Drug Use, and 227.1 Drug Testing-Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities as well as language from the high school student handbook and sample policy language from another school district in the region. After reading through selected portions of the policies, the committee discussed opportunities that exist to refine the “packaging” of sections of these policies to improve their clarity. Prior to the November meeting, the committee will review the policy language and attend the next meeting prepared to suggest improvements for consideration. In particular, the committee will explore ideas for how the policy language regarding consequences might be structured such that students are encouraged to accept rather than evade responsibility when they make a mistake. It was agreed that while students need to be held accountable for the decisions they make, the committee also wants our policies to reflect that honesty and integrity are valued character traits the district desires to promote. The committee will begin drafting suggestions for policy improvements during the November meeting that will then be presented to the full Board for consideration.

2. Other committee priorities for 2011-12

Dr. Adams conducted a brief discussion regarding two other items of interest that committee members identified for consideration during the year:

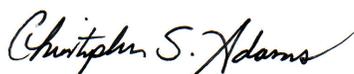
- Committee members indicated a desire to receive an update regarding the drug testing program in place for students who participate in extracurricular activities. Dr. Adams will confer with the nursing supervisor and ask that a presentation be made at an upcoming Board meeting regarding 2010-11 test results as well as any trends that may have emerged in the past several years that the program has been in place.
- Committee members also indicated a desire to learn what impact the new fee program may end up having on student participation in extracurricular activities. During this part of the discussion, Dr. Adams shared that communications went home with secondary students on the first day of school and information about the fee program is posted on the district web site under the “Activities” tab. Rosters for fall and year-long activities will be logged into the data system prior to the end of September, and the first round of invoices should go out to parents from the business office at some point during the first two weeks of October. During the year, Dr. Adams will work with district staff (principals, coaches, PE teachers, etc.) in an effort to determine if students are being discouraged from participating in activities by the institution of the fee program. At the end of the year, the committee will compare participation data for 2011-12 and with previous years to determine if there is a noticeable impact on participation rates.

3. Future Meeting Dates

Meetings to occur from 4:30 – 6:00 pm in Dr. Adams’ conference room on the following dates:

- Wed, November 16
- Wed, January 18
- Wed, March 21
- Thu, June 7

Submitted by:



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