**POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

Date: February 3, 2016

Place:   Gisborne Room, Town Hall

Present:

Members: Ms. Barbara O’Neill, Chairman

Ms. Debbie Appelbaum (arrived at 1:10 pm)

Dr. Gaetane Francis

The meeting convened at 1:30 pm.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:**

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to approve the

agenda. The motion was seconded

by Ms. Appelbaum.

VOTE: 3 for, none opposed MOTION PASSED

1. **Approval of 1/27/16 Minutes:**

MOTION: Ms. O’Neill moved to approve the

Minutes of the 1/27/16 meeting.

The motion was seconded by

Ms. Appelbaum.

VOTE: 3 for, none opposed MOTION PASSED

1. **Discussion: Transgender Policy (Ms. O’Neill)**

Ms. O’Neill provided a working draft of a potential policy based on aggregated language from CABE and other districts. She also supplied a set of definitions relative to the terminology which might be included in the policy.

PGC members discussed the policy draft and proposed minor revisions to the language.

1. **Discussion: Non-Discrimination Policy (Ms. O’Neill)**

Ms. O’Neill provided the committee with a copy of GPS policy L-001.2 Non-Discrimination. The committee discussed possible revisions to the policy language. Unless advised otherwise, the committee chose to recommend removal of the last 2 paragraphs of the existing policy. The committee also suggested additional minor language changes to the policy. There was discussion about the need to include specific language related to federal statutes such as IDEA vs language stating ALL legal obligations/statutes would be met. The Committee agreed to have Mary Forde review the proposed policy language and advise them on proper compliance in this regard. Legal will review the suggested changes after Ms. Forde responds to the committee.

1. **PGC Agenda Planning –**

The committee discussed how it would structure its meetings in the future to accommodate both brief discussions of monitoring reports and broader discussions on Policy reviews.

Ms. O’Neill is to follow-up with Bob Stacy for more information regarding the policy review noted in the E-050 HR MR.

Dr. Francis is to explore information related to gifts and grants policies and Ms. Appelbaum to explore information related to “public in schools” policies.

The committee discussed and began to prioritize the policies which would be looked at for review.

1. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to adjourn the

meeting. Ms. Appelbaum seconded

the motion.

VOTE: 3 for, none opposed MOTION PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Appelbaum

Approved 2/24/16

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