

POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Date: May 18, 2017

Place: Board Room, Havemeyer

Present:

Members: Ms. Barbara O'Neill, Chairman (absent)  
Dr. Gaetane Francis  
Mr. Peter Bernstein

Other: Dr. Salvatore Corda, Interim Superintendent

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

- **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to approve the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Mr Bernstein.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed.

MOTION PASSED

- **Action Items:**

- A. **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: Mr. Bernstein moved to approve the 5/3 and 5/9 minutes, Dr. Francis seconded.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed.

MOTION PASSED

- **Discussion Items:**

- A. **Monitoring Report Schedule**

There was a brief discussion regarding the monitoring report schedule. In an attempt to streamline the reporting, there was a discussion regarding the distinction between those reports that are required by the state and our policy and those that we have historically had that are not required. The sense of the meeting was to

share the current outline with the Board and incoming superintendent, D. Gildae, in preparation for presentation on June 1 at the work session and then action on June 15.

B. CABE policies

There was discussion about adopting CABE policies and how this would impact Board functioning and role vis a vie the superintendent and administration. There was also discussion about how the transition would occur and at what cost. Next steps including setting up a time to have the CABE representative speak to us and reaching out to other districts that have transitioned were considered as next steps to prepare for a full Board discussion.

C. Acceleration Policy

CABE policy #5123, GPS policy E-003 and procedure E-003.05 (Promotion, Acceleration and Retention), and GPS policy E-040 and Procedure E-040.16 (Student Admission and Placement) were discussed in light of prior discussion about early admission of students into kindergarten and personalized learning. Possible changes in language to the two mentioned policies to make more explicit the option of acceleration as an appropriate tool to meet the needs of some students were considered. Procedures to guide administrators in supporting students and families considering acceleration should be developed and/or updated. There was brief mention of four standard methods of acceleration (early acceptance to Kindergarten, acceleration by subject, whole grade acceleration and early graduation) as outlined in the materials shared from Ms. Bonnie O'Regan via Dr Corda.

D. Timeline for New Initiatives

There was discussion of change management, budget implications of change, academic issues related to change and timeline for making decisions so that appropriate research can be accomplished for adequate planning and funding. The conflict between innovation and timeline for funding was brought up. Organizations that have a percent of their budget (e.g.10%) available for innovation do not require the same type of timeline as our district, but this is not feasible in our town. It was not felt any specific action or policy change was needed in regards to this issue, but ongoing Administrative and Board awareness of the importance of this timeline is important.

E. Tuition policy: change of location from E020 to E040

Dr Corda suggested that the new tuition policy recently developed and accepted be changed from E020 to E040 where it fits more appropriately.

MOTION: Mr. Bernstein moved to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Francis.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gaetane Francis

Approved 6/8/17, 2-0