POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: October 24, 2017

Place: Board Room, Havemeyer

Present:

Members: Ms. Barbara O’Neill, Chairman

Mr. Peter Bernstein (via phone)

Dr. Gaetane Francis

Other: Dr. Jill Gildea, Superintendent

Dr. Christopher Winters, Headmaster, Greenwich High School

Mr. Richard Piotrzkowski, Assistant Headmaster, GHS

The meeting convened at 12:30 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: Ms. O’Neill moved to approve the agenda. The

Motion was seconded by Dr. Francis.

VOTE: 3 for, none opposed. MOTION PASSED

**Action Items:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. O’Neill moved to approve the 10/12 minutes, Dr Francis seconded.

VOTE: 3 for, none opposed. MOTION PASSED

**Discussion Items:**

A. Graduation Requirements

The current CABE Graduation policy based on Mastery-Based Learning was further reviewed. The cross-curricular Capacities of the Vision of the Graduate will be used consistently throughout the document. Middle school courses counting for graduation credit was discussed - relevant to a small group, but could impact students who want to graduate early. All definitions were moved to the end. Discussion about Student success plan and any specific requirement for a post secondary plan (should this be a requirement?), replaced CABE wording requiring an application to a post secondary program. Discussion about including pathways we do not offer at this time, but noted that the wording includes “may” and that most of these are options we think would be good to have in the future (e.g. work based learning, career and technical education..)

The regulations were also reviewed. The required competencies were reviewed including scores on standardized testing, who should be exempted and what criteria should be used for students in that situation, and what other criteria should be considered (such as department wide standardized final exams).

It was discussed that the policy would be reviewed at the next PGC meeting, presented at the 12/7 work session with the plan to vote on it at the 12/21 meeting.

B. CABE Transition

Brief discussion regarding use of a facilitator to assist the committee function efficiently during the transition and to CABE policies. A particular candidate was noted by Dr Gildea. He is a retired CT superintendent with experience helping a district revise their policies. This will be further evaluated.

Peter Bernstein left the meeting at 12:30

C. Work Plan

No significant discussion of a future work plan was undertaken. It was noted that there are policies that go with the CABE graduation requirement policy that seemed applicable and might be considered.

**Adjournment**

MOTION: Ms. O’Neill moved to adjourn the meeting. The

Motion was seconded by Dr. Francis.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaetane Francis

Approved 11/14/17

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