

## **Policy Governance Committee Meeting September 25, 2009**

Present: Marianna Ponns Cohen; Mike Bodson; Susan Ellis, Chair; Sidney Freund,  
Superintendent

The Policy Governance Committee discussed the need to revise E-001 to bring the language into conformance with Public Act 08-153:

Sec. 6. Section 10-220 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (e) as follows:

(NEW) (e) Each local and regional board of education shall establish a school district curriculum committee. The committee shall recommend, develop, review and approve all curriculum for the local or regional school district.

Dr. Freund noted that the GPS already has a Curriculum Council which engages in all the actions encompassed by the statute. The Committee voted to reflect that reality in the relevant section of Policy E-001. (See attached draft revision.)

Ms. Ponns Cohen questioned whether the Board should receive the minutes of the Curriculum Council, since that committee is specifically named and described in the statute. Mr. Bodson and Dr. Ellis expressed concern that BOE members' receiving the minutes might lead to Board micromanagement of the curriculum review process. Dr. Ellis noted that the Curriculum Council informs the Board of its actions at many points during the process and does not proceed without Board support. Mr. Bodson suggested that the minutes might prompt many questions for information from Board members, which would take administrators' time away from other responsibilities.

Ms. Ponns Cohen noted that if the Board received the minutes, that would make the minutes subject to FOI, which the committee agreed they did not wish to have happen—unless such minutes are already subject to FOI. Ms. Ponns Cohen will check with CABE to determine whether Curriculum Council meetings are considered public meetings or administrative meetings.

Susan S. Ellis, Chair