

**POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Date: October 27, 2015

Place: Staff Development Room, Havemeyer

Present:

Members: Ms. Adriana Ospina, Chairman
Ms. Barbara O'Neill
Ms. Laura Erickson

Other: Dr. William McKersie
Dr. Chris Winters
Ms. Irene Parisi

The meeting convened at 10:31 a.m.

The first item on the agenda was timing of course additions/deletions and presentation of the GHS Course of Study Guide to the Board. Beginning in 2016-'17, course additions and deletions will be presented in the fall after Curriculum Council review and Superintendent approval. The rationale for the fall presentation is to incorporate any budgetary impact of new courses as part of the regular budget cycle.

For the school year 2015-'16, course deletions (if any) will be presented as recommendations for Board approval on a cover sheet attached to the Course of Study guide. Ms. Parisi and Dr. Winters discussed bringing the item to the Board at the January 7th work session as a special report. Ms. O'Neill will follow up as part of agenda planning.

Additional discussion on the Course of Study guide related to information regarding the Greenwich Alternative High School. Ms. Ospina also noted that policies, procedures and the Course of Study guide need to be in alignment and she referenced the current graduation requirement that a student needs to be in residence one semester prior to graduation.

It was noted that E-004 - graduation requirements need to be reviewed next year. The state has pushed back the 25 credits for graduation requirement (current requirement is 22 credits) to the Class of 2021 (current 6th grade class.) The Curriculum Council is already discussing the transition in their meetings. The high school will be conducting a gap analysis.

The next item on the agenda was the Magnet School Report, scheduled for January 2016. The magnet school enrollment information has already been presented. The intent of this report is to focus on themes and programs, with an emphasis on Hamilton Ave.'s STEM curriculum and metrics for gauging progress. Dr. McKersie expects to get input from magnet school principals as part of the report. Sheila Civale will be involved to include an updates from the STEM

committee and on the inquiry method (applicable to IB and STEM) being developed in teacher professional development.

There was a brief discussion of WMS's theme (IB, STEM, AViD).

The minutes of the meeting on 10/13/15 were approved 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Erickson

Approved 11/17/15
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