

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: September 25, 2023
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m

ELM STREET SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: **Joe Parent**, Melanie Harvey, Emily Rinchich, Elizabeth Martin

Members Absent: Andrea Winn (was able to get on the Zoom but had no sound)

Other Board Members: Mary Martin, Steve Turner

Administrators Present: Amy Hediger, John Hawley

Staff Members Present:

Joe Parent opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1. Elect a Chair

It was agreed by all to nominate Joe Parent as Chair.

2. Purpose of RSU Facebook and Commenting.

Address current policy that would allow commenting on RSU 16 posts. Emily Riunchich explained the driver to change policy. Amy Hediger explained that she is the only person who operates the FB page. She showed examples of negativity. Discussion took place more for support to not allow comments, but to make sure other alternatives for contact are posted. What are our next steps? Amy said there is no policy, just a good practice. It was recommended by all to make a recommendation to the full school board for approval at their next scheduled school board meeting on October 16, 2023 to not turn on comments.

3. History of Grade 6 placement.

Mary Martin reviewed school history and the impacts of changes to the community John Hawley explained his experience and history with all the changes that have impacted the district. Amy Hediger states that the Board will need to decide the future of sixth graders. Discussion also took place regarding the options to add on to the BWMS addition.

RIF

Amy explained the policy. Questions are starting to arise as a result of potential MCS closure. RIF was drafted and explained by the Association. Discussion around keeping teachers via re-assignment.

Closing School Law

Todd Sanders provided an opinion from DWM regarding the closure of a school building. Amy Hediger said the Steering Committee is considering keeping and re-purposing the MCS building for district needs. Adult Ed may need to move into Central Office - Central Office staff will move to MCS.

Strategic Planning

Amy suggested a new plan for 5, 10 and 15 years out. Other pressing issues have put a pause on planning. Amy Hediger believes there is enough in-house talent to help with development.

4. Community Forum dates given by Amy Hediger. October 19, 8:00AM - 9:30AM and 6:00PM - 7:30 PM.

Location: TBA

Adjournment: 8:02 p.m.