

Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

January, 2020, Meeting

Attendance. Sign the attendance sheet and note whether your attendance and OMA record is accurate.

I. Public Comment.

II. Review and approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Requires motion, second, and vote.

- a. October Minutes. Copies sent to attendees 12/21/19 and 1/15/20.
 - i. Participants eligible to vote to approve the minutes or to object:
 1. Luz Aquino
 2. Brotha Blanks
 3. Benjamin H. Grimes
 4. Dr. Charmaine Hillary
 5. Sandi Johnson
 6. Susan Malter
 7. Ta-Nika McGee
 8. Olivia Moreno
 9. John Reeves
 10. Ana Londono
 11. Dr. Harlene Shipley
 - ii. Required to approve minutes: motion, second, vote.
- b. November Minutes. Copies sent to attendees 12/21/19 and 1/15/20.
 - i. Participants eligible to vote to approve the minutes or to object:
 1. Benjamin H. Grimes
 2. Dr. Charmaine Hillary
 3. Sandi Johnson
 4. Susan Malter
 5. Ta-Nika McGee
 6. Olivia Moreno
 7. Dr. Harlene Shipley
 8. Veronica A. Williams
 - ii. Required to approve minutes: motion, second, vote.

III. Old Business

- a. Review Bylaw 3(b) on meeting cancellation.
 - i. Approved Amendment to 3(b) was ratified at September meeting.

- ii. The proposal and rationale were sent to full list on September 5, 2019, at 2:41:51 CDT.
 - iii. “Absent disasters or emergencies in the community, meeting locations and times will not be changed within three calendar days of a scheduled meeting.”
 - iv. “Rationale: We lost valuable participation of members due to last-minute changes that were made. Going forward, any change that occurs after 1 pm on the Monday of the week of the third Thursday should be ignored by members of the Committee as an error. Votes held at the location and time of the meeting as properly scheduled will be valid votes of the Committee.”
- b. Vote on any and all bylaws amendments proposed at or after the December 19, 2019, meeting according to the bylaws.
 - c. Confirmation that the dress code changes have been added to Board Docs and communicated to the administrators of each school. Query was sent to district’s deputy counsel.
 - i. This is still “natural waistline” and at the principal’s discretion re appropriate dress: <https://intra.wps60.org/GetFile/BoardPolicy/6041>
 - d. Remind attendees to complete the Open Meetings Act training at <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net>. Seven (7) of the fourteen (14) members who have attended at least two meetings this school year have completed their OMA training.
 - e. Rescheduled presentation to the Board on student search with Dr. Lopez for January 21, 2020.
 - f. FOIA update.
 - i. We were supposed to receive responses by January 7, 2020, to the requests made by this body. None were received. PAC review request was sent.
 - ii. Review requested on substance of denials as well as “repeat requester” status.
 - iii. Suggestions for Action are welcome from *any participants present*.
 - g. **Law Enforcement initial meeting – Guest Officer Zupec**
 - i. **Discuss training and significance of SRO presence on campuses. Also prepare to learn the community position on whether officers should be at the schools full-time.**
 - ii. **Date for follow-up deeper discussion**
 - iii. **Dates for development of reciprocal reporting strategy.**
 - h. Review question of hiring an attorney whose clients are the students (like a public defender) or determine whether a public defender can have hours at the school.

IV. New Business

- a. Bi-annual Review of the Superintendent in written report to the Board of Ed. Needed on use of physical restraint for past three years for our review of implementation. Policy 6048, Supervision.
- b. Board Policy 6025 contravenes Illinois law.
 - i. “The Superintendent or her designee, in consultation with the parent-teacher advisory committee on discipline, shall develop and periodically review a reciprocal reporting agreement with the Waukegan Police Department and manage requests by police officers to interview students or employees at school. . .”
 - ii. This is a board function and is not to be delegated to the Superintendent. The superintendent administers policy that the board sets forth with guidance from PTAC.
 - iii. 6025(3) “Should the student refuse to speak with the officer(s), the interview may not proceed on school grounds.” Should be rewritten. It should be clear that the interview may not proceed at all. Someone at school should be present as the in loco parentis to tell the student not to answer questions or to inform the student of the student’s rights.
- c. 6025 too vaguely defines duties of SRO’s. Interviews without parent permission or notification at the request of personnel. Right to remain silent. What can be done on own initiative or at request of school personnel? What is the range? Not clearly stated.
- d. Isolated Time Out – not in WPS but in contracted schools. . . which ones?
- e. **Identify chair of SRO subcommittee.**
 - i. **Have an educational forum in January**
 - ii. **Invite community to February meeting where SRO policies will be discussed.**
 - 1. **Hear community’s opinions regarding having police officers on campus**
 - 2. **If the forum happens later, the meeting will have to be pushed back.**
 - iii. **Documents regarding policy change with ISS for tardiness and skips.**
- f. Request definition of ISS greater than provided in handbook; this should exclude skipping class or tardiness.
- g. Create protocol for how to address errors by administrators in administration of consequences to students in a formal manner. This should be part of that administrator’s record and review with respect to employment.
- h. Subcommittees (to be determined with suggestions below):

- i. Parent Teacher Cultural Awareness and Communication
- ii. Retention and Promotion
- iii. Bullying
- iv. Building Handbook Review
- v. Restorative Practices Review
- vi. Suspension Review
- vii. Recidivism Review
- viii. Documentation of Discipline Review
- ix. Documentation of Rewards for Good Behavior Review
- x. Administration of Overall Implementation Review and Planning