

**Mason Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting
February 22, 2016**

A Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on Monday, February 22, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Laura Cheney, Julie Rogers, and Tom Curtis

Also Present: Ron Drzewicki, Superintendent; Matt Stuard, Director of Curriculum; Lance Delbridge, High School; Lisa Francisco, Alaiedon Principal; Jerome Brzezinski, Director of Technology; Jen Harrington; Jennifer Sauser; Lou Bartolacci

High School Class Rank and Exam Waiver

High School Class Rank

Mr. Delbridge and Ms. Harrington reviewed the current recognition practice for high school class rank, and presented a new proposal for recognizing class rank at the time of graduation. The proposal included a revision to the grade point average scale for honors recognition, and alternative criteria for selecting commencement speakers.

The committee requested a proportional breakdown of students relative to the proposed grade point average scale. The committee discussed the proposed criteria for commencement speakers. The committee requested information about the proportion of students taking honors and advanced placement classes.

The committee discussed the relative importance of valedictorian and salutatorian; and opportunities to encourage students to take advanced placement classes.

Exam Waiver

Mr. Delbridge and Ms. Harrington reviewed the current exam waiver process, and presented a new proposal for allowing students to waive exams. Currently, only seniors are able to waive exams. The new proposal would allow 9-11 graders to waive an exam if certain criteria are met. The committee discussed waiver eligibility, student target population, and classroom management implications. The committee also asked about the possibility of a knowledge gap between classes, and the potential for considering dropping a grade versus waiving an exam.

The committee approved moving forward with the exam waiver pilot program.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Alaiedon PTO

Ms. Francisco presented a donation to the Mason School District by the Alaiedon Elementary School PTO. The committee recognized the hard work and generosity of the Alaiedon PTO, and recommends the Board of Education accept the gift.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Jackson National Life

Mr. Delbridge presented a donation of computer monitors to the Mason School District by Jackson National Life. The committee recognized the generous donation, and recommends the Board of Education accept the gift.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Farm Bureau Insurance

Mr. Delbridge presented a donation of computer monitors to the Mason School District by Farm Bureau. The committee recognized the generous donation, and recommends the Board of Education accept the gift.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution – Auto Owners

Mr. Delbridge presented a donation of computer monitors to the Mason School District by Auto Owners Insurance. The committee recognized the generous donation, and recommends the Board of Education accept the gift.

The committee received information about the possibility for additional donations of furniture and monitors for other buildings.

Internet Browser Security

The committee reviewed the acceptable use agreement for information technology for K-12 students. The committee discussed the process and administration of the agreement, including compliance with CIPA. The committee discussed updating the agreement and process to consider implementing more frequent review and approval of the agreement by students and parents/guardians. The committee discussed the opportunity for incorporating the review in the student handbook review process. The committee discussed internet use and supervision during computer lab, class time, and lunch/recess.

Mr. Brzezinski discussed how a recent internet security issue came about, and the implementation of KidRex to improve internet browser security. The committee discussed the changes made by Google which contributed to the issue. Currently, the Ingham ISD monitors broader internet security issues for changes. Mr. Stuard stated that browsing has not been impacted by the change. Mr. Brzezinski stated KidRex is a big step in the right direction.

Set Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

- NEOLA, Inc. process for policy review

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.