

**Oak Park and River Forest High School
201 North Scoville Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60302**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 14, 2008**

A Policy Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in the Board Room of the Oak Park and River Forest High School. Dr. Lee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Committee members present were Jacques A. Conway, Dr. Ralph H. Lee, Valerie J. Fisher, Dr. Dietra D. Millard, Sharon Patchak-Layman, and John P. Rigas. Also, present were Dr. Attila J. Weninger, Superintendent; Jason Edgecombe, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Gail Kalmerton, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board.

Visitors included Kay Foran, Community Relations and Communications Coordinator; James Paul Hunter, Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair

Minutes of the September 2008 Policy Committee Meeting

The minutes of the September 16, 2008 Policy Committee Meeting were accepted as presented by the Committee members.

Consideration of Policies for Second Reading

Policy 5130, Interscholastic Athletics Program

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee members to recommend to the Board of Education that it amend Policy 5130, Interscholastic Athletics Program, at its regularly scheduled October Board of Education meeting, as presented.

Policy 5131, Intramural Athletics Program

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee members to recommend to the Board of Education that it amend Policy 5131, Intramural Athletics Program, at its regularly scheduled October Board of Education meeting, as presented

Ms. Patchak-Layman noted that her inquiry as to why the Athletic Director's responsibilities did not include supervision of this program had been satisfied as the change was made in the current version of the policy. Dr. Weninger stated that after further conversation among the DLT members, there was recognition that this had been decided in previous conversations and the policy now reflects that consensus.

Policy 5133, Student Smoking And Tobacco Use

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee members to recommend to the Board of Education that it amend Policy 5133, Student Smoking And Tobacco Use, at its regularly scheduled October Board of Education meeting.

5134, Student Attire

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee members to recommend to the Board of Education that it amend Policy 5134, Student Attire, at its regularly scheduled October Board of Education meeting.

Consideration of Policies for First reading

Policy 25, Board Member Travel

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee members to incorporate this information into Policy 3155, Policy 3555, Attendance at Conferences and Workshops and submit it at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Additional Policy Matters for Committee Information/Deliberation

Dr. Lee stated that he had sent a letter to concerned parents regarding the grading policy. He sent a personal letter to Ms. Rode in which he stated that it was inappropriate for him to continue in the present direction as it put him in the position of serving as the liaison between the parents and the Board of Education., The Board of Education had not appointed him as the liaison to this group. As a result, he did not feel it was healthy to continue with the group and he was withdrawing from the proceedings, except in his role as a Board of Education member. He would no longer serve as the point man for this discussion and further concerns should be addressed to the Board of Education President . Ms. Rode's response was that the Board of Education had given little attention to this matter.

Adjournment

At 8:54 a.m., the Policy Committee adjourned.