

Meeting Title: <b>Policy Committee Meeting</b>	Meeting Date: <b>February 18, 2015</b>
Meeting Location: <b>KOSD Board Room</b>	Meeting Time: <b>6:00pm</b>
Attendees: Annie Shaw, Matthew Cesario, and Daniel Domalik	
<p>Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Policy 205 – Post Graduate Students</li> <li>2) Policy 208 – Withdrawal From School</li> <li>3) Policy 209 – Health Examinations</li> <li>4) Policy 215 – Promotion and Retention</li> </ol>	

**Next Scheduled Meeting: March 18, 2015 at 6:30pm in KOSD Board Room**

## **Policy 205 – Post Graduate Students**

- Change “responsibility” to “obligation” in the first paragraph.
- What happens if a child turns 21 during the school year? Are we obliged to let them continue?
  - SC1301: Not withstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a child who attains the age of twenty-one years during the school term and who has not graduated from high school may continue to attend the public schools in his district free of charge until the end of the school term.
- Strike reference to Project Succeed since program or name might change in the future. Too specific for policy.
- Ready for first reading in March with corrections made.

## **Policy 208 – Withdrawal from School**

- In paragraph 1 under guidelines, use a more generic phrase instead of Project Succeed.
- What if the parents do not provide supporting justification? Can we really prevent the student from withdrawing? If not, delete this.
  - If a parent does not provide supporting justification, then this is grounds for filing with the magistrate. If the student is of compulsory school age, then this must be done, under the school code.
  - Find a reference for this in the school code and insert into policy.

- Change guidance counselor to school counselor.
- Ready for first reading in March with corrections made.

## **Policy 209 – Health Examinations**

- Should we note that privately conducted examinations must include the same tests and screenings as listed in this policy?
  - Under the law, I believe they do not have to be the same test, but comparable.
  - Add clarification wording, “Privately conducted physical and dental examinations must be comparable to what would be offered by the school doctor.” Or something similar.
- Some repetitive content in the policy. Will review and revise if necessary.
- Ready for first reading in March with corrections made.

## **Policies 215 – Promotion and Retention**

- Some repetitive content in the policy. Will review and revise as necessary.
- Seems to jump around in the guidelines section between general statements and primary or secondary only applicable statements. Revise order and add some sub-headings for better readability.
- Uses the term building principal and building administrator interchangeably; pick one.
- Policy gives final say to building principal regarding promotion and retention of students. Shouldn't the superintendent be able to overrule a building principal?
  - What happens if there is a dispute? Who would have the final say? Is this different for different grades?
  - Since Kindergarten isn't required, who has the final say with regard to movement from kindergarten to first grade?
  - Policy should cover what the process is if a dispute occurs between a parent and teacher/principal.
- In the policy it states: “Where a two-year age difference exists between the student and their grade level peers, placement will be made based on age.” If a student were to fail 2 times then their age appropriate grade would be 2 years ahead. So a 6<sup>th</sup> grader who has failed 2 times would automatically be promoted to 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

- The intention is probably that they would be promoted to the next grade level. Maybe wording needs to be revised.

## **Other Items**

- Insert a financial policy requiring an NPV (Net Present Value) analysis for matters that have a large financial impact. Not sure if this fits within an already existent policy or whether a new policy should be created to outline how the analysis would be done.