

Policy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:00 PM
Online Meeting

1) **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2) **Adoption of Agenda**

3) **Acceptance of Minutes**

a. March 23, 2021 Draft Minutes

b. Reports and Discussion

1. Review of Policies on Parent and Community
School Groups

c. Adjournment

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
MINNEAPOLIS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 23, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Josh Pauly called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m., a quorum being present.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021, the meeting was held by electronic means and Directors participated remotely due to the local public health emergency (COVID-19 pandemic).

ROLL CALL

Present: Directors Jenny Arneson, Kim Ellison, Josh Pauly (3)

Absent (at roll call): Directors Siad Ali, Adriana Cerrillo (2)

Cerrillo arrived at 4:25 p.m.

Ali arrived at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Arneson moved to approve the agenda.

On roll call, the result was:

Aye: Arneson, Ellison, Pauly (3)

No: (0)

Absent: Ali, Cerrillo (2)

Adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arneson moved to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting.

On roll call, the result was:

Aye: Arneson, Ellison, Pauly (3)

No: (0)

Absent: Ali, Cerrillo (2)

Adopted.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Staff presented an update on the results of the Equity and Diversity Impact Assessment (EDIA) conducted on the Community Education department, followed by a discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Revision of Policy 5600 (Releasing Children From School)

Arneson moved to forward the proposed revision to the full board with the committee's recommendation.

On roll call, the result was:

Aye: Arneson, Ali, Cerrillo, Ellison, Pauly (5)

No: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

Revision of Policy 6450 and Repeal of Policy 3250

Arneson moved to forward the proposed revision and repeal to the full board with the committee's recommendation.

On roll call, the result was:

Aye: Arneson, Ali, Cerrillo, Ellison, Pauly (5)

No: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Arneson moved to adjourn.

On roll call, the result was:

Aye: Arneson, Ali, Cerrillo, Ellison, Pauly (5)

No: (0)

Absent: (0)

Adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ryan Strack, Administrator of Board and Government Relations.

Meeting materials: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/1807?meeting=459036>

Meeting video: <https://mps.eduvision.tv/Share.aspx?q=3SfVi13wT7Q34lOZWqsTyA%253d%253d>

Policies Regarding Parent and Community School Groups

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Background

- Parent and community groups play an important role in supporting schools and students
- Functions of these groups vary and are defined by policy and regulation
- In some cases, financial resources can be involved leading to potential inequities

Primary Relevant Policies

Policy	Name	Summary
Policy 1310	PTA, PTO, And Other School-Community Organizations	Establishes relationship between schools and school-community organizations (last revised in 1973)
Policy 1692	School Site Councils	Establishes site councils; their function, purpose, and operating protocols
Policy 5540	Fundraising	Parameters and limitations for fundraising (has two regulations)
Policy 3280	Gifts, Bequests And Grants	Parameters and limitations for gifts (has one regulation)
Policy 1720	External Funds	Parameters and limitations for gifts (has one regulation)

Policy 1310 Overview (PTO/PTA)

The Board of Education recognizes that the educational program functions best in a framework of cooperation in which the teacher, the parent, and the citizens of the community work as a team in providing the kinds of educational program that today's youth needs.

In a large part, the effectiveness of this team work is dependent upon the cooperation which exists between the school and the home. The Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.) and the Parent-Teacher-Student- Association (P.T.S.A.), the Minneapolis Citizens Committee, the Community Advisory Council and many other organizations are dedicated to improving this relationship and developing community support for quality education.

The Parent-Teacher Association units, the Parent-Teacher-Student Association units, and the Community Advisory Council in our schools are viewed by the Board of Education as sincerely interested in and staunch supporters of public education in the district.

All members of the Minneapolis Public Schools are to be encouraged to be participating members in the Parent-Teacher Association, the Parent- Teacher-Student Association, or the Community Advisory Council, as well as other community organizations of their choice.

Original Adoption: 4/25/1967

Revised: 1/30/1973

Policy 1692 Overview (Site Councils)

- Adopted in 1992, last revised in 2015
- *The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters in which such school site councils shall be formed and shall influence school-based decision making.*
- Requires bylaws be adopted
- Provides process guidelines for:
 - Membership and selection process
 - Duties of site council
 - Duties of site council members
 - Policy responsibilities

Policy 5540 Overview (Fundraising)

- Adopted in 1967, last revised in 2013
- *The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters for fund raisers sponsored by the district, a school or student activity groups.*
- *This policy does not apply to third party organizations that may choose to fundraise for the district, specific schools, programs or activities.*
- Specifics on school fundraising, fundraising from district staff, student activity fundraising, and exceptions
- Has two regulations:
 - [5540A: Fundraising Limitations And Procedures](#)
 - [Regulation 5540B: Sale Of Tickets](#)



Policy 3280 Overview (Gifts)

- Adopted in 1967, last revised in 2012
- *The District has benefited from the generosity of our community. Persons and organizations may wish to make gifts, bequests or unsolicited grants to the District or any of its schools, programs or departments. These gifts may be in the form of money or property. The purpose of this policy is to establish the circumstances under which the District may accept these offers.*
- Has one regulation:
 - [Regulation 3280A: Accepting Gifts, Bequests Or Grants](#)

Policy 1720 Overview (External Funds)

- Adopted in 1967, last revised in 2019
- *The purpose of this policy is to establish the direction to district administration and employees in the solicitation and acceptance of financial support from sources beyond the levy power of the district.*
- Has one regulation:
 - [Regulation 1720A: Administration Of External Funds](#)

Common Issues Presented

- A PTO, PTA, or school foundation group wishes to directly fund an MPS position
- A PTO, PTA, or school foundation group wishes to fund other school expenses, thereby freeing up school funding to hire a position
- Some groups are independent non-profit organizations, and therefore out of the control of the district
- Some schools have groups with external fundraising capacity, others do not

Discussion/Next Steps