



REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee met on Thursday, December 19, 2019, at 11:00 AM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in the Conference Room 1-A.

ATTENDEES

Policy Committee Members

Chairperson Ozie Davis III, *absent*, Melanie Bates, Pamela Bowers

Administration/Staff

Kathleen Crable, Senior Executive Secretary; Dan Hoying, General Counsel; Sara Trimble-Oliver, Chief Information Officer

November 18, 2019 Board Assignment: Discuss Policy 7250 – Commemoration of School Facilities

The Board, at its November 18, 2019 Regular Business meeting, assigned the Policy Committee to review Policy 7250 – Commemoration of School Facilities.

The focus of the review was to ensure that the policy was equitable in the naming of school buildings and facilities after prominent and distinguished men and women.

Mr. Hoying updated the Committee on his research and reported that there were not many schools named in the District after women, as well as not many schools in the District named after a person.

Committee member Bowers reported that she attended a craft show at Gamble Montessori High School where she spoke with a member of Westwood Works community group who provided her information about the "Westwood Board Game."

Ms. Bowers also inquired about the current Gamble Montessori Elementary site not being included in the historical facts of the board game.

She also stated that the Westwood Works member explained she had researched the library for history on the site and could not locate if maybe the site was donated to the community from the Gamble family, which may mandate the property maintain the Gamble Family name.

ACTION: General Counsel Hoying will do more research on Gamble to determine how the site got its name and if that name needs to remain. He will update the Committee about his findings at a January 2020 Policy Committee meeting.

ACTION: Chairperson Bates inquired as to how Shroder obtained its name. Mr. Hoying will research and update the Committee at a January 2020 Policy Committee meeting.

ACTION: The Committee referenced Student Achievement Committee Chair Bolton's background informational report on the names of schools. Mr. Hoying will review the document as part of his research.

Ms. Bates expressed concern as to how Riverview East Academy obtained its name. She reported that during her college years she did a project on how Riverview East Academy was established.

ACTION: Ms. Bates will share her project with the Committee for use in learning how the school came to be, as well as being named.

The Committee referenced a request from former Board Member John Gilligan's family to rename the Clifton Neighborhood School (CANS) after him. Ms. Bates reported that the CANS community expressed concern about changing the name.

Policy Recommending for Approval

Sarah Morales, Curriculum Manager, updated the Committee on Policy 2370 – [Credit Flexibility](#) Educational Options.

ACTION: The Committee reviewed and agreed with the recommended revisions to the policy and will recommend approval of the document at a January 2020 Regular Business meeting.

With "credit flex," students have options to show what they know, earn credit(s), and move on to higher-order content. It is especially useful in providing rich learning opportunities for students whose interests (and/or performance) extend beyond the regular curriculum.

<https://www.cps-k12.org/academics/credit-flexibility>

Senate Bill (SB) 311, also known as the Ohio Core, was enacted in 2007 and directed the State Board of Education to adopt a plan that would enable students to earn units of high school credit based on demonstration of subject area competency, instead of or in combination with, completing hours of classroom instruction. The State Board of Education adopted Ohio's plan for credit flexibility on March 29, 2009. The State Board's plan for credit flexibility requires all boards of education to comply with the provisions of the State Board's plan by adopting local board policy.

<https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/credit-flexibility-tool-kit>

Policies for Review

The following policies will be reviewed at a January 2020 Policy Committee meeting.

- Policies – 7000 Property
- Policies – 8000 Operations
- Policy 8400 School Safety
- Policy 8405 Environmental Health and Safety

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Policy Committee

Ozie Davis III, Chair, *absent*
Melanie Bates
Pamela Bowers

Staff Liaisons

Dan Hoying, General Counsel
Paul McDole, Director, Human Resources, *absent*
Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Information Officer