



**SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Policy Committee Meeting
High School Faculty Room
January 12, 2015 6:00 PM**

Minutes

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:05PM

Attendees

Board Members Present: Corinne Gunkle, James Lindsay, William Lycett
Administrator Present: Dr. Leah Christman, Bill Kennedy
Visitors Present: Bill Hayes (Board member); Parents/Community members: Emily Gehman, Halle Holland, Cindy Johnson, Marc Rosenberg, Laura Rush, Amber Smith, Michele Stanten, Peter Thomas; Charles Malinchak (Morning Call)

MINUTES of December 2, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion made by Mrs. Gunkle and seconded by Mrs. Parsons.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Spanish Immersion** survey discussion- Dr. Christman shared the results of the Spanish immersion parent survey and additional information regarding language immersion programs previously submitted by the Spanish immersion parent group. Committee members suggested that the policy be updated to include a live general lottery process for enrollment. They also suggested that the district adopt a sibling preference procedure. Discussion followed regarding a variety of activities to be required of parents in order to be eligible for the lottery and an application process to be conducted for those parents meeting the orientation requirements. A draft policy will be developed and shared with committee members for review before January 26, will be discussed with the Education committee on January 26, and taken for first reading to the Board on that date in order to have time to implement new procedures for next school year in a timely fashion. Dr. Christman noted that she would check with the solicitor to ensure no violations of school code for such a policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Review of Policy 249 Pupils: Bullying/Cyberbullying-** Dr. Christman noted that no changes are recommended to the policy. School law requires that the policy be reviewed every three years. Committee members agreed to note the review date on the policy without a need to take to the Board.
- **Review of Policy 916 Community: School Volunteers-** Mr. Kennedy shared proposed changes to the policy as a result of new PA laws affecting clearances for school volunteers. Committee members will review the policy and plan for discussion at the Policy Committee meeting of February 9, 2015.



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VISITORS' COMMENTS - Parents shared additional comments and ideas for educating parents new to the program. They expressed support for the suggested changes. Spanish Immersion parent group representatives offered assistance in helping new parents understand the program through interviews or live sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (ANY TIME IF NEEDED). None needed.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM.

ATTEST: *Dr. Leah M. Christman*, Recorder