

**Meeting Minutes:** Governance Committee

**Date/Time:** December 17, 2020/7:30 a.m.

**Location:** Board Room

**Start:** 7:30 a.m.

**End:** 8:10 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Nikkie Gullickson, Jim Johnson, Rebecca Knutson, Robin Nelson

**Committee Members Absent:** David Paulson

**Non-Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Benson (via phone), Seth Holden, Tracie Newman (via phone)

**Staff Members Present:** Doug Andring, Missy Eidsness (via phone), Rupak Gandhi, Robert Grosz

**Recorder:** AnnMarie Campbell

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<b>Approval of November 19 Minutes</b>	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the November 19 meeting.	The minutes will be posted on the Board’s section of the public website.
<b>Agenda Planning for January Meetings</b>	<p><b><i>Refer to Agenda planner for First Quarter 2021</i></b> Discussion occurred on the topics needed to be included at the January meetings. The agenda topics were set as follows:</p> <p><u>January 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guest Report: FPS Foundation Annual Report</li><li>• Reports: COVID-19 Instructional Plan Committee Update; Superintendent Report; FEA Report</li><li>• Consent: November Financial Reports; EL-15: Learning Environment/Discipline; EL-3 and 4 Changes; EL-8 Changes</li><li>• Business: Staff Appreciation Consideration; Board Compensation; RDO/District Office Renovations</li><li>• Board Reports: none</li><li>• Possible executive session</li></ul> <p><u>January 24</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guest Report: Fargo Dome Report (tentative)</li><li>• Reports: COVID-19 Instructional Plan Committee Update; Superintendent Report; FEA Report; Legislative Update; R/SI-6 Monitoring – Human Resources</li><li>• Consent: December Financial Reports; GP-3, 9, 10 Monitoring</li><li>• Business: none</li><li>• Board Reports: none</li><li>• Possible executive session</li></ul>	
<b>GP-2E/Public Participation at School Board Meetings</b>	At the December 8 Board meeting, AnnMarie Campbell served as a timekeeper during the Recognition of Audience portion of the agenda. When a speaker reached their time limit, she sounded a chime to notify them their time had concluded; if the speaker continued, a double chime sounded fifteen seconds later. Discussion occurred on the process. Consensus was reached that the process went well, and that it should continue. Therefore, Ms. Campbell will continue serving as a timekeeper and utilizing the chime system. If a speaker does not conclude after the double chime, the president will interject, thank the speaker and call next person to the podium.	AnnMarie Campbell will continue to serve as timekeeper during Recognition of Audience and use a chime system to note when a speaker’s time has concluded.

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	<p>Discussion occurred on policy GP-2E, specially what is stated in policy about audience members addressed the Board and what the president reads prior to welcoming speakers to the podium. The policy language does not fully mirror what language is used in policy. At the December 8 meeting, speakers were calling Board members and employees by name. Consensus was reached for Rebecca Knutson to work with AnnMarie Campbell on creating a draft of GP-2E and bring it back to the next meeting for consideration. The update will also include information about the timer in the information read by the president.</p>	<p>Rebecca Knutson and AnnMarie Campbell will bring a draft of GPD-2E to the January committee meeting for review.</p>
<p><b>Governmental Affairs Committee Update</b></p>	<p>Robin Nelson, chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC), provided committee members with an update regarding Governor Burgum’s budget proposal. The Governor’s budget includes a 0% and 0% increase for schools for the next biennium. This would cause FPS to lose \$500,000 over the biennium, considering a decrease in state aid due to lower kindergarten numbers this year and the local property tax deduct. Therefore, a 0% and 0% does not mean FPS’s budget would stay neutral. This reduction to the FPS budget will be critical for messaging during legislative session. GAC will work to track bills once the session starts.</p>	
<p><b>EL-3 &amp; EL-4</b></p>	<p>Following annual policy monitoring, EL-3 and 4 were discussed at the November committee meeting for a potential policy change due to an update to Title IV. Administration consulted legal counsel about including sexual orientation in Title IV language; it was not included in the NDSBA sample policy. FPS’s attorney spoke with NDSBA; the omission was an oversight. Discussion occurred about nondiscrimination policy language included in EL-3 and 4. Consensus was reached to have EL-3 and EL-4 to read the same as the Title IV language including sexual orientation. The policy changes will be brought to the January 12 meeting agenda.</p>	<p>Changes to EL-3 and 4 will be brought to the January 12 meeting for approval.</p>
<p><b>Policy Monitoring</b>  <b>A. EL-8</b>  <b>B. Monitoring frequency of EL-7, 8, 9, 10</b></p>	<p>Discussion occurred on recent policy monitoring documents and thoughts included for possible policy language update. Consensus was reached to add “unless authorized by the Board” to policy EL-8, point 5. It will be brought to the January 12 meeting agenda.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on monitoring EL-7, 8, 9, and 10 policies twice per year. Consensus was reached to bring a policy change to the Board to monitor the reports once per year. Administration will bring a suggestion for the change to GP-8E to the next Governance meeting.</p>	<p>Changes to EL-8 will be brought to the January 12 meeting for approval.</p> <p>Administration will bring a recommendation for changes to GP-8E to the next committee meeting.</p>
<p><b><i>The next meeting will be held January 28 at 7:30 a.m.</i></b></p>		