

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

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 - D. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee**
 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **September 30, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**
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Board members present: Tami Ryan, Jim Prochaska, Mike Donohue, Lisa Wittman. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Lynne Devaney, Amy Hawkins, David Olson, Brian Kuhle, Brent Cook, Lee Kolker, Dan Johnson, Mike Cyze.

Mr. Prochaska called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

School Activity Uniforms

There needs to be a process for oversight on school uniform colors for consistency purposes. There are concerns that the uniform colors are being pushed further from the school colors (example: gray jerseys) and are not consistent. The schools believe that there are certain special occasions that warrant special color uniforms, especially to raise awareness of important causes, i.e. pink-out for cancer. It was determined that school colors must be prominently displayed on all uniforms. The committee directed Ms. Hawkins to draft a procedure for the approval process, as well as a uniform rotation cycle. This will be presented at the November committee meeting. Mr. Cook asked if Senior can wear the gray uniforms again? After discussion, it was agreed that parents and students raised the money for these jerseys in good faith and it would not be fair to not allow them to wear them this year.

Smarter Balanced Assessment System

Currently, the law requires two student assessments for grades 3-8 - Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for accountability and the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test. The state board of education is changing the accountability testing from ITBS to Smarter Balanced (competency of the Iowa Core), which will be given three times per year. ITBS will still be given in the fall for norm comparisons. It is anticipated that the MAP test will be discontinued with the implementation of Smarter Balanced. Cost comparisons - MAP cost is \$14.00 per student, Smarter Balanced would be \$29.00 per student.

Policy #5200

Mr. Rheingans reported that a committee will be formed to review this student discipline policy.

Other Items

Employee dress code – this will be discussed at the Leadership Team meeting tomorrow.

Algebra I required for all students – concerns that there are supports in place for students not attending college and who may fail this course.

Teachers out of the classroom for professional development – less this year due to the cost of paying a substitute and a possible substitute teacher shortage.

Substitute teacher shortage – does not seem to be a problem yet this school year.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education