

Dist. 205 Board of Education Policy Committee

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Observer: J. Dorner

Board Members Mr. Thrall and Mr. Carlquist, Superintendent Krizic, Assistant Superintendents Tom McCann and Lisa Smith, York Principal Diana Smith, and York Athletic Director Rob Wagner were present. Mr. Spaeth was present by phone.

Public Comment: none

Advisory referendum policy

- An advisory referendum was passed in Nov. 2006:
 - Shall Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 implement a written policy to permit high school students with “lunch labs” (periodic extensions of a class into a lunch period) that periodically overlap with other classes to be permitted to enroll in both classes if such enrollment will not render the students “chronically absent” in either class?
 - This referendum passed with 11,437 yes votes versus 4,027 no votes.
- Diana Smith, Principal of York High School, explained the scheduling process to the Board members present. This process is student driven and student centered. Occasionally, there are a few students that need to make a decision between two different classes if they want to enroll in more than one class that has only one section.
- Discussion of the term “chronically absent” found that by school code, it is defined as more than 10%. A student is marked absent if he is late by 10 minutes or more.
- The “lunch labs” described in the question above are required of the corresponding class and meet twice a week. Using these statements, a student who signs up for two different classes that require the same lunch labs, will be chronically absent.
- The Policy Committee decided that neither a new policy nor policy change was needed. Mr. Thrall will explain to the full Board the Policy Committees decision.

Review of athletic participation after four years of eligibility

- This is an issue that had preliminary conversations. The administrative staff has taken the position that students would no longer be eligible after four years of participation in York athletics. IHSA restricts number of years of competition (8 semesters), and leaves participation up to the individual schools. Dr. Krizic asked if the Board was in agreement with a maximum of four years. The Board members questioned if this should be limited to athletics – why not include all activities such as clubs or drama? Current practice is to limit participation in athletics only to 8 semesters. It is not practice to limit participation in clubs and/or drama. The Board requested a recommendation from the administration.

Use of YD Logo

- The Hockey team has requested use of the YD logo on their uniforms and for use in the sale of merchandise. The York Dukes (and combinations) is not a registered trademark through the U. S. Patent and trademark Office or through the Illinois Secretary of State Division of Trademarks. The Policy Committee decided that the York Dukes logo should be trademarked and any use of it should go through administrative guidelines use of a letter of understanding. Dr. Krizic stated that she would contact the District’s law firm to accomplish this.

Extracurricular and Athletic Coordination

- There have been several conflicts between athletics and extracurricular (e.g. clubs, music, etc) expectations. The York administration has had to be involved in those that the student could not resolve. Rather than create a policy, the York administration would like to continue to work with those involved and increase communication between all areas within the York community. The York administration will continue to document expectations and communicate rules.

Outside Agency Development of School Property

- Cougar baseball has requested to develop the baseball diamond at Jefferson School in exchange for priority use of the field space. The Policy committee decided that the rate structure for school property rentals needs to be examined (an issue previously brought to the Board's attention by Assistant Superintendent of Finance Pat Palmere) and to notify Cougar Baseball that any money they invest in school property at this time is at their own risk.