



Board Equity Policy Advisory

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Feb 27, 2023 4 pm to 5:30 pm - [Virtual](#)

Attendees

Tony Erickson, Board Member

Miriam Meneses-Rios, Board Member

Carina Solis, Community Partner

Sharif Liwaru, Director Equity & Family Partnerships

Dan Goldman, Superintendent

Catherine Dalbey, Director of Human Resources for School Age Programs

Janet Bucio, Administrative Specialist

Agenda

Check-In

What have you learned since our last check-in?

New Business

1. District/Community Relations
 - a. [KG](#) - Use of NWRESD Facilities
 - b. [KM](#) - Relations with Community Organizations
 - c. [FE](#) - Naming New Facilities
 - d. [DFD](#) - Providing Space, Other Facilities and Services

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Minutes

- **Call to Order**

Liwaru starts the meeting with the check-in question: What have you learned since our last check in?

- **District/Community Relations Policies**

The committee reviewed four policies around district and community relations and the following came up for discussion:

- **KG - Use of NWRESD Facilities**

- This is one of the biggest issues because the ESD is diffused over 4 counties.
- The language in this policy is common in most school districts; facilities are primarily for the use of districts.
- There was a concept recently pitched about ways to provide childcare for individuals that work nontraditional work hours (night shifts). Clackamas ESD offered some of their facilities for those folks; that could fit into this policy.
- Child care facilities fall under allowable use. NWRESD is highly involved in childcare, we could construe that in category #1 (NWRESD programs and activities) and in some cases in categories #5 (State agencies providing services to children and families) or #6 (Other nonprofit groups of an educational, civic or service nature).
- For Category #7 (Private or commercial groups), do we need to have the right to say no if it's a group that does not align with our values?
- If it does not align with our values, we could have the board involved and make that decision. Could we explore or look for ways in which the board has been involved or set parameters for what has been involved or set?

- **KM - Relations with Community Organizations**

- The KG policy has some language that does not match the language in this policy. This policy speaks specifically on the relationship with the communities.
- Would it make sense to have a cross reference on this policy (written) and be more explicit on what is allowable and what the board restricts to help the staff that will be implementing it?
- Hyperlink the KG policy that is listed in the reference.

- **FF - Naming New Facilities**

- Our board has made an effort to name facilities honoring the land we are on and the native communities that resided here. We are honoring the name of the land through the name of these facilities.

- This policy does clarify that you can present the name to the board, but they have the final say. The wording of this does not have a definitive co creation to it - it does not say it must include representative groups, but it is definitive that we will collaborate with communities.
- The first sentence would read better if written as “ educational endeavors or who have worked *TO* better education, rather than *FOR* better education
- What does it mean to prioritize naming based on location?
 - The preference is for a facility to be named by the location rather than a person whenever possible. For example: Washington Service Center, Clatsop Service Center, etc. Those are named because they are in Washington County and Clatsop County - respectively.
- The first sentence says “Facilities will be...” It sounds like a mandate rather than a priority.
 - Yes, this is a mandate. We would like to avoid naming it after a person to avoid any issues.
 - It makes sense to name it to a location and native lands they reside on. It would be good to explicitly mention that in the policy.
- We want to be thoughtful and inclusive, but also remember to reach out to the community and get their input.
- **DFD - Providing Space, Other Facilities and Services**
 - Cross reference KM Policy
 - The use of the facility reads as events, but this states “space of offices”. There have been organizations that have been interested in providing services from our office that are not local and to them it doesn’t make sense to get a facility of their own.
 - Does the language “shall be provided” mean there is the idea for partnership?
 - This seems like it’s talking about long term usage.
 - Yes, this policy is read in terms of long term usage.
 - Need to make this policy more explicit. It’s a little vague on what we are talking about. This is about long term leases and rentals. DFD and KM crash into each other. It states that there needs to be approval by the board and the superintendent, would the board want to be approving that at a board level or should this go to a lower level?
 - In general, this doesn’t need to be a board decision, but should be at a contractual level.
 - Can see how there could be a risk that the board would want to be aware of, but that is different from the actual approval. If there is a risk, the superintendent can share that with the board.
 - It does not need to be approved by the board, but providing the information and being clear on how long and the cost. More clear

information so that when being considered, it won't have an impact. This could bring some good partnerships, but we do need more clarity.

- Consider having the finance team take a look at this and give the BEPAC some more clarity.
- Next Meeting:
 - The next meeting will land on March 26th, during Spring Break. Liwaru asked for the BEPAC's opinion about whether this meeting should be held or canceled.

The BEPAC consensually agreed to meet on March 26th during Spring Break week.

Action Items:

- Catherine Dalbey will look into templates and what policies other ESD's currently have regarding facility use.
- S. Liwaru will take this feedback to Jordan Ely, Chief Finance Officer, and get some clarification on questions asked.

Resources

- [BEPAC Charter](#)
- [NWRESD Equity Lens](#)
- [BEPAC Goals](#)
- [Policy Review Protocol \(4As\)](#)
- [The resolution that created this Board Equity Policy Advisory Committee](#)
- [The NWRESD Strategic Plan](#)

Policies

- [Family Medical Leave \(proposed\)](#)
- [JHFE/GBNAB-AR - Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child and Form](#)
- [EFA - Local Wellness Program](#)
- [KG - Use of NWRESD Facilities](#)
- [KM - Relations with Community Organizations](#)
- [FF - Naming New Facilities](#)
- [DFD - Providing Space, Other Facilities and Services](#)