

Minutes of the Policy Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
East Lansing High School – Board Meeting
509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI
January 29, 2024
11:00am-12:00pm

Opening of Meeting

Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 11:05am.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Gary Holbrook, Kath Edsall, Dori Leyko, Klaudia Burton

Absent: n/a

Approval of Agenda

Kath Edsall offered the motion to approve the agenda. Gary Holbrook seconded. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Kath Edsall offered the motion to approve the agenda. Gary Holbrook seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

None

Meeting Topics/Action Items

- Regular meeting scheduling
 - Mar 3, Apr 15, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 8, Aug 5, Sep 16, Oct 7, Nov, 4, Dec 2, and Jan 6
 - 10:30-12:00pm
- Request: land acknowledgement
 - Conversation about request from student group about adding a Land Acknowledgement to the ELPS website and having it read at various district events. Discussed necessary education that might need to take place before taking such steps, including offering an education session at one of the March and/or April professional development sessions for teachers as one potential step.
- Racial equity policy planning
 - Truncated discussion due to time, but Terah and Klaudia will meet to make some initial updates to the policy since the last update and we will have a fuller discussion at the March meeting.

- Thrun policy revisions
 - Discussed what seem to have been a larger number of policy revisions lately and how to address them as a committee. We should have updates only once a year with limited time-sensitive revisions coming only as-needed. Gary requested we come up with a process to make reviewing policy changes more streamlined and volunteered to pilot something.
- Parliamentary Procedures updates
 - Kath brought a brief update from the parliamentary procedures training she attended with other school board members and some city council members last week. In particular, she shared a question about names/pronouns and whether we might need to make a change to our public comment form.

Announcements

Next meeting March 4th at 10:30am.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:59am.