

Red Clay Board Policy Review Committee

Meeting notes – 032724

The Red Clay Policy Review Committee met on March 27 in the district office board room at Baltz. Attendees included Chair Hugh Broomall, Mark Pruit, Ken Oates, Vic Leonard, Sr., Jason Martin, VJ Leonard, Jenn Howard and Kecia Nesmith (virtual)

Notes from meeting:

- **Policies presented for discussion were Discussed- Policy 1006 & Policies 8018- 8027 that deal with equal educational opportunities, homelessness, foster care, transgender and gender diversity, student activities (including extracurricular activities), student wellness and safety, and school choice.**
- **A very robust and informative discussion on Policy 1006 dealing with policy development ensued with input from Dr. Nesmith with flow chart samples presented along with ideas on the process and procedures for introducing ideas for policies for areas of need. This policy will help clarify how policies are developed within the Red Clay school district through the school board and Superintendent with logical procedures. It was unanimous consent by the committee to send to the board for approval.**
- **Policy 8001 on student policy goals had minor word changes for diversity and inclusivity and Policy 8012 on Student Wellness was changed to include social/emotional wellness and to clarify the formation of a district Wellness Work Group that will include school board members.**
- **There was much discussion on Policy 8012 on School Choice which is a lengthy policy with lengthy Administrative Memos. There was interesting discussion on some of the legalities of parts of this policy which Dr. Broomall agreed to present to our district legal counsel. Yesterday (4/16) Dr. Broomall informed the entire committee that legal counsel did not find any issues outside the law.**
- **There was farther concern by a committee person that there was a perception by the community members that the choice process was unfair to certain factions of the Red Clay community and had data that demonstrated this inequity. It was also mentioned that there is an even greater discrepancy between our district charter schools and certain magnet schools, with school demographics grossly different than our overall district demographics which may be addressed with our School Choice Policies.**
- **Next meeting – May 1, 2024 – 5:00 pm**

Submitted by Vic Leonard, Sr.