Policy Committee Meeting

November 14, 2022 – 6:30 pm

Present: Mrs. Britni Burlingham, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mrs. Nicole Lee, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mrs. Tara Pound, Dr. Andy Pushchak, Mrs. Lea Hetherington, Mr. Jeremy Bloeser

Also Present were Mr. Ken Berlin, Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Mrs. Vicki Bendig, Mr. Keith Miller

Absent: Mr. Stephen Morvay

Mrs. Farrell called the committee meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mr. Berlin introduce Mr. Miller, Seneca HS Principal, to present the changes to Policy 214 Grade Point Average and Course Weighting. Mr. Miller began by stating that there will be no changes to transcripts or class rank for the graduating classes of 2023 and 2024. Report cards and transcripts will display letter grades as well as weighted and unweighted grade point averages for the graduating class of 2025, beginning the 2023-2024 school year. The district will maintain class rank but shall only report rank to postsecondary institutions or organizations which have legitimate reason to request this information. Graduates will be exclusively recognized through the Latin Honors System. Additional updates include using a true dual enrollment model for students in college courses, as well as weighing second and third year ECTS courses at the honors level. Mr. Miller concluded his presentation with data outlining his recommendations for grade point averages that will constitute the Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude levels or recognition. He suggested that these levels be monitored over the next several years Because the weighing of courses for dual enrollment and ECTS increasing due to mandates from the State will increase the percentage of students reaching the highest level of achievement.

Dr. Pushchak recognized the administrative team for their hard work, as well as the transparency provided throughout this process. He noted the posting of the previous presentation regarding class rank to the District website, as well as the "all-call" and letter that were sent out to inform the public of these changes.