

**Community Unit School District #95**  
**Policy Review Committee - Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**February 17, 2009, 9:30am, Administration Center**

Board Members: Jan Putbress  
Staff: Brian Knutson, Mary Kalou, Nancy Rosenfeld, Nate Carter, Julia Becich, Kim Kolze, Sue Althoff, Kelly Vignocchi, and Marsha Smyser  
Community: Carol Cramer

High School Class Rank and GPA Calculations – Kim Kolze and Sue Althoff presented the changes they are requesting to the current grading scale at the high school and their recommendation to eliminate the class rank calculations. This would then eliminate the designation of a class valedictorian and salutatorian. They noted they have conducted parent and student focus groups on the topics and have received mainly positive responses to the proposals, with a few exceptions. They propose eliminating the phrase “academic” from transcripts and course descriptions and eliminating the accompanying grading scale. The academic and college prep classes would then have the same number scale which would then allow someone with all “A’s” to get a 4.0 and recognition on the honor roll. Class rank would not be recorded on report cards, but available to those colleges or scholarship applications that would need them as they would be kept internally. Effective with the class of 2013 they propose eliminating the Valedictorian and Salutatorian designations and instead to recognize the top achievers of the graduating class. There are some technical issues to be investigated, but the committee feels that it would benefit all students if the process could begin with the fall 2009 semester with the previous grades recalculated to reflect the new scale. If the student information system will allow these recalculations, the process will begin with the class of 2013. These concepts will be brought to the Board on March 12 for their information

Student Records - Kelly notes that some librarians have asked for checkout history for students be made available to them, some would not prefer to have the history available. The current system does not allow history of check-outs to be shown, only a systems administrator in the technology department can retrieve these records. As these are student records, a minor change could be made to include the notation that library circulation records are among those items that are confidential temporary student records.

Student Assistance Program Update – Due to budget limitations the project is on indefinite hold. Assignments form October PRESS were reviewed and approved for first reading in March, with some held for additional information, some had only footnote changes.

Adjourned – 11: AM - Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, 2009 at 9:00am  
Thereafter, April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup> and June TBA.

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Mrs. Kathy Brown  
President, Board of Education  
C.U.S.D. #95, Lake Zurich, IL  
*Respectfully Submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk*

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Mrs. Jan Putbress  
Secretary, Board of Education  
C.U.S.D. #95, Lake Zurich, IL

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