Governance, Americanism & Wellness School Improvement Committee Report

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Review of Action Plan

- Mission Statement *(Board Approved Feb 2020, Revisit Aug 2025)*
- Update Goal Statement & Vison *(Same as Above)*
- Maintain Profile *(On-going)*
- Review & Update Board Policies *(Updated in June)*
- Review & Update Handbooks *(Updated in Summer)*
- LB 399/Americanism Compliance *(On-going)*
- Wellness Compliance *(On-going)*

Board Policies

- Updated Complete Set of Policy on School Webpage

Handbooks

- Updated Handbooks
- Since Handbooks and Board Policies have the Same Author, They Match Easily
- Web Accessible
- Internet Waiver

LB 399/Americanism

- *Appoint 3 board members to committee*
- *2 meetings with 1 having public testimony & minutes*
- *Confirm District's social studies curriculum is aligned with NDE standards*

LB 399/Americanism

- *Confirm social studies curriculum incorporates multicultural education, stresses patriotic themes, includes a requirement that high school students (i) complete a written test; (ii) attend a public meeting; or (iii) present or write a paper on an appropriate topic*

LB 399/Americanism

- *Confirm curriculum is available for public inspection*
- *Confirm social studies curriculum includes*

(a) *one hour per week of patriotic instruction for grade levels below sixth grade including respect for the American flag;*

(b) *a set amount of time to teach American history for grade levels from fifth grade to eighth grade including teaching students to become competent, responsible, patriotic, and civil citizens who possess a deep understanding of and respect for both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nebraska, and prepare to preserve, protect, and defend freedom and democracy in our nation and our world; and*

(c) *at least two courses in high school that teach American civics that is devoted in part to teaching the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Nebraska, and the structure and function of local government and the application of knowledge in civics, history, economics, financial literacy, and geography to address societal issues.*

LB 399/Americanism

- *Confirm that the District will conduct appropriate patriotic exercises for George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day.*
- *Annually report to the school board its findings and recommendations. (TONIGHT)*

Wellness

- *Committee serves as the District's Wellness Committee (DWC)*
- *Meet once per year to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs*

Wellness

- *Utilize the Healthy Schools Program online tools to complete a school-level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index*
- *Promote wellness activities through programs such as Jump Rope for Heart, EHA Wellness, etc.*

Wellness

- *Maintain the committee's website (assessment results, link to Wellness policy, action plan, and names of committee members)*
- *Provide professional development opportunities to staff on the content of the wellness policy*

Wellness

- *Develop community partnerships in support of the wellness policy implementation*
- *Evaluate compliance with wellness policy every three years and then assess, update, and have the board approve policy (Aug 2024)*

Future Goals

- Offer Support Data for the School Improvement Process (Profile)
- Ensure Updated Versions of Board Policies and Handbooks
- Ensure Compliance with LB 399/Americanism
- Ensure Compliance of Wellness Policy

End of Report