



Eden Prairie School Board New Policy Introductions Workshop Process

The New Policy Introductions Workshop Agenda Item will be officiated as follows:

1. At any time prior to the start of a Board Workshop with a New Policy Introductions agenda item, any Director may submit a new policy to the rest of the Board and Board secretary. The policy will be notated by the secretary and placed under the New Policy Introductions area of the Board Work Plan.
2. A listing of all items from the New Policy Introductions area of the Board Work Plan will be included on the Workshop agenda or may be referenced from other public documents. The Board Chair will, in the order of their discretion, bring each of these items individually to the attention of the Board.
3. In response, the authoring Director of the policy may request the policy receive discussion and may give a brief introduction to the policy. If the author declines or is absent, another Director may request the policy receive discussion and give a brief introduction. This request does not signify explicit support of the policy as written or that any additional action be taken by the Board. If no Directors request the policy receive discussion, the Chair will repeat step 2 with the next item on the list.
4. The Chair will then ask the board if any additional Directors will support the request for discussion of the policy. One or more additional Directors may respond in the affirmative. An affirmative response to this question signifies support that the Board permit further discussion and does not signify explicit support of the policy or that any additional action be taken by the Board. If zero Directors offer support, the Chair returns to step 2 with the next item on the New Policy Introductions list.
5. Discussion about the policy occurs among the Board in accordance with normal discussions during a Board Workshop. The discussion must last for a reasonable amount of time to provide sufficient time for questions and explanations by the author of the policy. At any time, the author may withdraw their request that the policy be discussed, ending the discussion of that policy.
6. During the discussion, any Director may make one or more proposals that actions be taken regarding the policy. If no proposal is made during the discussion, the Chair will ask the Board if any Director wishes to make a proposal before moving on to the next policy item. The proposals may include, but are not limited to, referral of the policy to the Policy Committee with or without additional instructions, scheduling of an additional workshop for more work on the policy, scheduling of a workshop to request more information from administration that relates to the policy or placing the policy onto the Work Plan Changes document for approval and scheduling at a future Business meeting. Since discussion takes place in a workshop, these proposals are not official motions and do not require the formal motions process. The proposals may be discussed for a time.



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7. The chair will ask the Board if there is additional support for the proposal. If a majority of Directors present indicate support for the proposal, then the proposal is accepted by the Board and followed accordingly. Support for a proposal signifies support of only the specific action of the proposal and does not signify explicit support of the policy as written or that any additional action be taken by the Board.
8. Once a proposal is accepted and discussion is concluded, the Chair returns to step 2 with the next item on the New Policy Introductions list.
9. Once discussion on all items is concluded, the New Policy Introductions area of the Board Work Plan is cleared of all contents.