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**Scholastic Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**  
**Minutes**

Members attending: Michelle Page, chair, Allison Wolf, Dillon McBrady, Lucianna Ranelli, Holly Gruntner, Dennis Stewart, Steve Gross, Jen Zych Herrmann, Peh Ng, Peter Wyckoff, Tammy Berberi, Hilda Ladner, Clare Dingley, Judy Korn, executive staff, Absent: Erin Christensen, Chad Braegelmann,

1. Minutes

December 5, 2011, minutes approved.

January 25, 2012, minutes amended, corrections made, and approved.

2. Chair report

Introductions

No meeting on February 8, 2012. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15.

Reminds members to review Disability Services documents and submit substantial content suggestions. The committee's role is supportive in nature, to provide feedback and make suggestions and recommendations. Discussion regarding timeline for response and endorsement. Feedback is needed before next meeting, at which time the committee can decide if an official endorsement is appropriate. Disability Service is emphasizing self advocacy, empowering the students, and also streamlining the institutional "pipeline."

Created in 2007 by Leslie Meek and Brenda Boever, the Master Adviser Program will be receiving funding resources. The Scholastic Committee has already endorsed this program. Documents with more detail, informational items, will be sent with next agenda.

3. Petition

# 1203

Request: Waive the SciL requirement based upon institutional responsibility. Student has a disability (severe visual impairment and legally blind) that will not allow him/her to conduct necessary lab experiments even with the use of extensive accommodations. Without the ability to see the experiments and grasp the content of the material covered in the lab, the student is unable succeed at learning the scientific method that is part of this requirement.

This petition was neither approved nor denied at the last meeting. Discussion continues with added information. The chair spoke at length with Nancy Cheeseman, director of Disability Services, who strongly endorses this petition. Accommodations were not viable for this student. Cheeseman did not go into details because of FERPA, etc. Future petitions that come forward having to deal with disability status will include a statement of support from Disability Services.

Discussion topics: science as an adequate substitution for science with a lab; privacy and professional respect; FERPA; level of inquiry for this particular petition; approving petition with a condition.

Motion: Committee approves petition subject to the student completing a second science course. If the student is unable to complete a second science course, the student must petition the committee for a waiver. Motion seconded. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Korn, executive staff