



**Subcommittee/Task Force Report**

**Subcommittee/Task Force: Grading**

**BLT Liaison: G. Benson**

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**Action Item: Work with departments (Art, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies) with variances**

**Progress: Art has requested and received clarification as to why their policy does not meet the BOE policy. They do not have a minimum of 10 grades per quarter.**

**Physical Education revised their grading policy in the summer of 2010 which improved their assessment but it does not yet comply with the BOE policy.**

**Science anticipates that their grading policy will meet BOE standards**

**Social Studies: Bud Pape, BCTL, reports: "Based on my conversations with Dr. McCalla and Dale Getto, the social studies grading variances were approved by the BLT, and it is our assumption that they will remain in place next year unless the district's grading policy changes. Since the department does not have a supervisor, we have worked through building administrators to align our grading policies as closely as possible with district policies. The nature of our various curricula and the large number of AP, IBO, and college-affiliated courses within our department have necessitated these variances. The various organizations that we work with exercise a considerable influence over our course content, curricula, and grading policies." They have been informed that the variance is not automatically renewed.**

**Obstacles/Challenges: The Social Studies Department does not have a supervisor.**

**Next Steps: We have offered workshops to all departments with variances to ameliorate their policies. The departments are discussing their options.**

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**Action Item: Engaging community in discussion of grading**

**Progress: Summative / Formative PD occurred. Departments will be reminded in April of the need to review their policy and if necessary apply to BLT for a variance prior to September 1.**

**Obstacles/Challenges: Culture change from previous system; consider moving to a standards based grading**

**Next Steps: Gage faculty's need for further dialogue**

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