

Policy Subcommittee meeting

Attendees: Beth Cummings (Chair) and Kerri Ames (Secretary)
Administration: Pamela Gould, PhD
Date: 10-Nov-2016
Location: Principal's Conference Room Sandwich High School

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18:15 meeting called to order

Minutes

Ms. Ames motioned to approve the 25-OCT-2016 minutes as presented. Ms. Cummings seconded. All in favor. Ms. Ames to send to Lynn McIsaac for posting.

MASC Updates

None to report.

School Committee Operating Protocols

Mr. Dever and Mr. Pierce had previously sent recommendations/concerns to the subcommittee. It was discussed and determined that the full school committee should be involved in the discussion. Ms. Cummings will ask Mr. McGrail to provide copies of Robert's Rules to all members and to place Operating Protocols on a future School Committee agenda.

Review of School Committee Policies

Communication policies

Current policies do not include social media.

Policy IJNDD is not in the school committee policy book, but does not seem to be up to date/appropriate/applicable to the committee

Policy KDD is more applicable to the school committee. Ms. Cummings will ask Mr. McGrail to place on an agenda for December 2016

Policy IJNB, discussion regarding enhancing this policy to be more in line with the Town policy and add "staff" to bullets. Dr. Gould recommended the subcommittee have a joint meeting with staff, administration and Mr. Harper to consolidate and confirm that handbooks for staff and students mimic the policy. Ms. Cummings will schedule a joint meeting after budget season/March 2017.

Wellness policy (ADF)

Ms. Cummings will meet with Ms. Rains (former Nurse leader) to obtain final draft. The subcommittee will need to meet before the deadline to approve/send to full committee for final approval.

Transportation policy



Ms. Ames reported that she had discussed subcommittee/bus driver concerns with Ms. Marilyn Vrontas (Head of Pupil Services), Ms. Vrontas is researching and will report back. Ms. Ames asked Dr. Gould for the snow policy to be clarified for SPED drivers/students that are out of district.

Policy JFABD / JB / AC (Homeless)

New laws have been enacted regarding the students who are homeless within the district. Dr. Gould reported that this falls under Ms. Vrontas' purview and she was researching the new law to verify school committee policy was in compliance. Ms. Cummings will send policy to Ms. Vrontas.

Policy JICH

Mr. Dever had added the term "on school property" to the policy revision at a prior meeting of the full school committee. Ms. Cummings spoke with Mr. Emerson (ESQ), who informed her that MIAA will trump school policy but here is room for confusion. Mr. Emerson recommended adding "students subject to MIAA". Further discussion in regards to the policy found it to be redundant and repetitive. It was decided to delete 2nd sentence in the first paragraph and add school function/property to the first sentence. Ms. Cummings will update the policy, send to Mr. Emerson for review and forward to Mr. McGrail for a full school committee discussion.

Policy JJF (Student Accounts)

Student accounts was briefly discussed, the item will be placed on a future agenda. Ms. Cummings will ask Ms. Austin to attend.

Policy IHAMA (Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco)

Ms. Cummings spoke with MASC representative Jim Hardy regarding the policy. His recommendation that the policy just needs to be renumbered and sent back to the MASC with notation of the typo.

Next meetings: 11/30/16 at 5:30 and 2/9/16 at 5:30pm at Central Office.

Meeting adjourned at 20:21

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Ames