

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Maria Barth, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Wendy DiFruscio, James Morse, (Todd Allen 3:40 – 4:00)

Visitors: 0 –

Called to order at 3:30 by Maria Barth.

It was explained that the first policy IHBH – Extending Learning Opportunities on the agenda was sent to Todd Allen and Heather Machanoff for review and a complete overhaul so that it aligned with the high school competencies and standards. Jim explained that Todd reached out to other school districts for their version of this policy. The version that you are reviewing is that rewrite that is more permissive than the previous version. At this point Todd was asked to join the meeting and explain all of the variations between the existing and the rewritten policy.

Kenny asked if the two-week time frame under the application process was enough time. Kenny also questioned in the existing version there is a number limit of credits and is there a reason why the newest version does not limit the number of credits you can earn.

Jim asked if there was an application that needed to be completed for this process? Todd explained that there are three different applications and that they will be brought to the policy committee for review as well as being included with the policy as the “R” documents. The policy committee directed Todd to personally share this revised policy and applications with the teaching staff for their review and input. Todd agreed, but relayed that he would need about a month to complete this before bring back to the committee. This policy was placed on hold pending this review.

Policy BEC – Non Public Session – A change in state requirements has occurred pertaining to sealing of nonpublic minutes. The committee reviewed where this policy would need to be revised and since a public hearing is required for this change, this policy along with 8 others will be reviewed as required in the policy and revised in April.

Policy GBAA – Sexual Harassment – Employee/Staff – the existing and NHSBA version were reviewed for a slight revision to the language and a new definition was included pertaining to “third-party” along with the removal of one of the legal references. The committee decided to add the third-party language and send for a first read at their April meeting.

Maria questioned if language pertaining to transgender be added. It was decided that the Transgender Policy will be added to the Cross Reference section.

Policy JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying – both the existing and the NHSBA policy were included in this packet. Since the existing policies last review in 2010, NHSBA has update this policy and numerous changes were noted. The committee asked Jim if this could be placed on hold so that it may be sent to the attorney for legal clarification of the definitions included, as well as placed on the Leadership Team Agenda for their review and revision.

Meeting ended at 4:30 PM – Next meeting April 13, 2016 and May 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. DiFruscio