

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Maria Barth, Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Wendy DiFruscio, James Morse

Visitors: 0

Called to order at 3:30 by Maria Barth. Jim explained that we were going to start with the policy that has been returned to the committee for feedback from the principals and facilities director.

Policy EEAA – Video and Audio Surveillance on School Property which Jim explained was being reviewed and revised due to changes in the existing law. This is a very comprehensive policy and suggestion made that this policy be broken down into two separate policies. Jim suggested that we keep the existing policy as is, but separate into two separate headings within the policy: safety and instructional practice. Review of the input submitted by the principals and facilities director was discussed. Clarifying questions asked pertaining to current practice and procedure. After a lengthy discussion, this policy will be placed on hold for additional review by legal counsel.

At this point Maria asked if there would be any objection to moving away from the current agenda and discussing two issues. A current policy that has already had a first read with the School Board to verify that a parent's email that was received pertaining to this policy was answered satisfactorily. Jim advised Maria that Catherine Plourde did in fact review and answer the parent's questions. The second issue was where we stand with a policy that was placed on hold from a prior policy meeting pertaining to extended learning opportunities (ELO's). Jim explained that he met with Todd Allen and Heather Machanoff about ELO's and that they are aware of the requests being made and will be working on this. This subject was discussed at length and also included a discussion on the requirements for the new standards that are being brought forward and that State required competencies for ORHS are intertwined with the ELO policy.

Policy JCA – Change of School or Assignment – The current policy and the new NHSBA policy reflecting the new change in the law were brought forward. Due to legislative changes the existing policy will be replaced by the newest updated version. Committee asked what changes were made and how this affects the school district. Small revisions were made to the body of the policy after clarifying questions by the committee were answered by Jim. This policy will be sent to the School Board at their next meeting for a first read.

Policy ILD & R – Educational Questionnaires, Survey and Research – Review of this recommended draft policy and accompanying forms was completed. A lengthy discussion took place and since many clarifying questions were asked that need to be answered, this policy will be sent for legal clarification and be placed on hold.

Policy ILDA – Non-Educational Questionnaires, Surveys and Research will also be sent for legal clarification and will also be placed on hold.

Policy EHAA – Computer Security, E-Mail, and Internet Communications – This policy was reviewed. Committee members asked if this was needed as we already have similar policies in place. Jim suggested that this policy be sent to the IT Director for review and comparison to existing policies to see if this is needed or if this covers something that we do not already have in place. Policy committee agreed. This policy is placed on hold pending this review.

Meeting ended at 4:50 PM – Next meeting to be November 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy L. DiFruscio