

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Present: School Committee
Meghan Fleck, Melissa Keefe, Terri Medeiros, and
Andrea Thorrold
District Administration
Lori Duerr, Sonia Tellier, and Anne Barnes

Absent: Jim Hardy, MASC

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020

This meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

1. Continue Comprehensive Policy Review

✓ Discuss BHE: Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members

During discussion, questions arose regarding the statement requiring that designated District staff be copied on all electronic communication conducted by School Committee members. Sonia both displayed on the screen and read the policy language to the members. Past practice was that the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant was copied on electronic correspondence, which was then printed and retained. It was noted that the District is now able to retrieve all electronic communication, which is archived on a district server. It was agreed that the matter will be tabled, and Sonia will consult with our MASC Field Representative, Jim Hardy.

✓ Discuss ADN: Wellness Policy

The members conferenced an initial draft forward from members of the District Wellness Committee. The first paragraph was revised to clarify the language. Policy Subcommittee members recommended removing the National Wellness Institute definition of *wellness* from the policy as including it would limit the ability to revise the definition without bringing it to a vote, restricting progress of the District Wellness Committee.

Within the initial draft, bulleted items were reordered. Discussion about discouraging provision of food for celebrations was had. After consideration, it was suggested that the proposed changes be discussed at the next School Committee meeting and then be brought back to subcommittee.

✓ Other 1

A member recommended that the social media hashtag (**#IAmACLIPPER**) in the policy be retained in the widely shared version of the Mission, Vision, and Core Values that appears on the website and in handbooks but be removed from the version of the policy published in the Policy Manual.

2. Other 2: Upcoming Information

- ✓ Next Meeting Date is TBD

Respectfully Submitted by,

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