

POLICY AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Oliver Administration Building

PRESENT

Subcommittee: Erin Schofield, Chair; John Saviano and Lynn Wainwright

School Committee, Administration & Guests: Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Kristen Quinn, Selwyn Sharp & Ellen Sharp

Meeting called to order by Erin S. at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Selwyn Sharp addressed the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee with concerns regarding the climate control system within the Bristol Warren Schools. Mr. & Mrs. Sharp requested an exception be made to current policy in order to allow parents and/or teachers to supply AC units for the classrooms.

Erin S. stated, for the record, that due to the fact that this item was not on the agenda, a discussion could not be held on the matter during the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Sharp had been previously informed by Chairman Bento that they could address the full School Committee during the Public Comment section of the upcoming School Committee Workshop.

Mr. & Mrs. Sharp thanked the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee for their time. Subcommittee members thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sharp for coming to present their concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: John S. motioned to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting; Lynn W. seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

FUNDRAISING SALES AND SOLICITATIONS POLICY

A draft copy of the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy and related exhibits were reviewed by the Subcommittee.

Lynn W. raised a concern that item C1 and C3 of RI General Law 16-38-6 regarding public school fundraising was not embedded within the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy draft. After a short discussion, Diane S. recommended submitting the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy draft to the District's Attorney for review to ensure alignment with RI General Law 16-38-6.

A discussion ensued regarding to what extent the School Department can oversee 501C3 fundraising groups as it pertains to the law. A consensus was reached to seek legal advice from the District's Attorney regarding this issue.

A lengthy discussion ensued on changing language within the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy and supporting exhibits to make distinctions between 501C3 groups and unregistered fundraising groups.

Several questions, which were previously communicated to Erin S. by parent group representatives regarding the Fundraising Sales and Solicitation Policy draft, were reviewed by the Subcommittee.

Changes were made to the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy draft based on PTO questions communicated, and input received from subcommittee members and Kristen Quinn. Further wordsmithing edits will be made by Diane S. and Erin S.

Several changes were also made to drafts of the Fundraising Group Approval Form (IGDF-E1); Fundraising Activity Request Form (IGDF-E2); and Fundraising Guidance for Parent, Teacher and School Groups (IGDF-E3). A determination was made to include the Funds Received-Deposit Form (IGDF-E4) as part of the Fundraising Guidance Document, not as a standalone document, striking “IGDF-E4” from the document title.

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to make the changes discussed to the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy (IGDF) and to submit to the District’s Attorney for review and approval regarding inclusion

within the policy of RI General Law 16-38-6, C1 & C3 and given his approval of the policy and exhibits, move onto a first reading of the School Committee; seconded by John S.

Lynn W. stated, for the record, that she would be removing the motion temporarily to allow for further discussion on the Fundraising Guidance for Parent, Teacher and School Groups (IGDF-E3) document.

Changes to the Fundraising Guidance for Parent, Teacher and School Groups (IGDF-E3) were discussed to ensure alignment with the changes made to the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy (IGDF).

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to make the changes discussed to the Fundraising Sales and Solicitations Policy (IGDF) and subsequent changes to the Fundraising Guidance for Parent, Teacher and School Groups (IGDF-E3) document to ensure alignment, and submit to Andrew for review and approval regarding inclusion within the policy of RI General Law 16-38-6, C1 & C3, and given his approval of the policy and exhibits, move onto a first reading of the School Committee; seconded by John S.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES POLICY (JEA)

Erin S. explained that the Compulsory Attendance Ages Policy (JEA) has come before the Subcommittee for review of updates made to the policy to ensure alignment with RI General Law.

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to move the Compulsory Attendance Ages Policy (JEA) to the full School Committee for a first reading; seconded by John S.

The motion passed unanimously.

POLICY REVIEW LIST

Erin S. explained the rationale for redesigning the Policy Review List and for adding the Future Policy Discussion Items List.

The Policy Review List and Future Policy Discussion Items List was reviewed by the Subcommittee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dual Enrollment Policy

Narcans Policy

Absence of Chair and Vice-Chair School Committee Meeting protocol

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.; seconded by John S. The motion passed unanimously.

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