

POLICY AND CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2015

Oliver Administration Building

PRESENT

Subcommittee: Erin Schofield, Chair; John Saviano (6:11 p.m.) and Lynn Wainwright

School Committee, Administration & Guests: Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Donald Rebello, MHHS Principal; Deb DiBiase, MHHS Asst. Principal; Jennifer Copeland, Guidance Asst. Principal; Ellen Estrella, MHHS School Nurse; and Jennifer Carlson, KMS School Nurse

Meeting called to order by Erin S. at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Lynn W. motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting; Erin S. seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

DUAL AND CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT POLICY

Erin S. asked the administrative team members present to share their comments and concerns regarding the proposed Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Policy.

Don R. commented that the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Policy is good and mirrors the State's regulations. He stated that the most salient issue for the high school is whether college courses would be integrated into the student's transcripts and how it would impact the student's class ranking. Don R. believes that the college courses should be weighted and calculated as part of the student's class ranking to provide students incentive for success.

Jen C. commented that the weight individual high schools assign and the student's class rank hold little meaning to a college admissions office. Colleges assign their own weight to an applicant's transcript by assessing the student's profile looking for the number of AP and Honors classes. Jen C. believes that the School Department is obligated to provide students with incentive to take as much risk and expose themselves to as much rigor.

Jen C. spoke with several students regarding dual and concurrent enrollment. Students would like a "safety net" whereby college courses are shown on the transcript, but are not a part of the GPA.

Jen C. stated that she is opposed to including college courses in the GPA calculation.

{John S. arrived at 6:11 p.m.}

Deb D. commented that MHHS currently has students who are taking high school courses for college credit (EEP Program) which courses are weighted. She believes that the college courses should be weighted as well.

School Committee members asked clarifying questions related to the Administrator's comments and regarding the general content of the proposed Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Policy. A lengthy discussion ensued.

A subsequent conversation took place regarding financial responsibility.

Erin S. closed by stating that the Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program Policy will be tabled until November's Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee meeting for further discussion and revision.

FUNDRAISING SALES & SOLICITATIONS POLICY

Erin S. stated that the Fundraising Sales & Solicitation Policy passed the 1st Reading of the School Committee. The policy is returning to the Policy & Curriculum Subcommittee to address a motion made by a School Committee member to include language within the policy stating that a copy of the Fundraising Activity Request Form be housed in the Superintendent's Office for the purpose of centralizing.

MHHS Administrators weighed in on the Fundraising Sales &

Solicitation Policy conversation.

Several minor edits were discussed.

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to include the following statement “a copy of the approved Fundraising Activity Request Form shall be sent to the Superintendent’s office” after {See IGDF-E2} at the top of page 2 of the Fundraising Sales & Solicitations Policy (IGDF), and to the bottom of the Fundraising Activity Request Form (IGDF-E2); seconded by John S.

The motion passed unanimously.

{Jen C., Don R. and Deb D. left at 7:14 p.m.}

NALOXONE (NARCAN) POLICY

Leslie A. stated that the Naloxone Policy language was provided by the Department of Health and vetted through the Bristol Warren Regional School District’s physician who recommended one minor addition to the policy.

Leslie A. stated that BWRSD school nurses, who have signed up for the Narcan training class, will be attending training on October 22nd. She added that the Department of Health will be providing guidance on who can attend the Narcan training classes.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the content of the Naloxone Policy.

Leslie A. believes that nothing should be changed within the Naloxone Policy language citing that the Department of Health provided the language. She strongly cautioned that if changes were requested, they should be referred to legal counsel first. Leslie A. stated she is very concerned about liability issues were changes to be made.

Ellen E. clarified that the school nurses operate under the school physician's standing orders which are reviewed annually. The Naloxone Policy will become a part of the standing orders.

Erin S. stated that the Naloxone Policy will be left as is. She clarified that the purpose of tonight's discussion was to ensure that the school nurses did not have any questions or concerns.

Erin S. stated that a few copy-editing changes will be made.

MOTION: Lynn W. made a motion to move the BWRSD Naloxone Policy to the School Committee for a first reading; seconded by John S.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: John S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.; seconded by Lynn W.

The motion passed unanimously.

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