

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Policy Review Subcommittee
Thursday, February 17, 2022
9:00 AM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM

2. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of Thursday, January 20, 2022

A motion by J. Evans, Second by C. Kabala to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 20, 2022 meeting was approved unanimously.

J. Evans – Yes

C. Kabala – Yes

J. Costello – Not yet in attendance

3. Communications

Communications received will be discussed during the specific policy they address.

4. School Committee meeting (01.12.2022) – request for further refinement

- IGA - Curriculum Eval., Develop. and Adoption - Adoption

During a School Committee meeting, a student stood up and requested that “Student Voice” also be included in Policy IGA. However, after much discussion, it was decided that this Policy is in place to help the Professional Staff choose High Quality Instructional Materials.

The policy focuses on every process around the decision-making process – evaluation, development, and adoption of curriculum.

Principal Chaplin joined the meeting and discussed how Student Voice is very present throughout SHRHS and is used to help decide major factors outside of this particular policy.

The committee decided that “Student Voice” should not be a part of the professional policy, but wants to stress at the next School Board meeting all the ways the Students can share their thoughts they want taken into consideration.

- JKA – Restraint of Students in Public Schools - Amendment
Due to the nature of the Policy, legal counsel was sought after to ensure all verbiage was above board when it comes to the term “caregiver” as it could encompass more responsibility than intended in this particular case.

The subcommittee was advised that the language surrounding “prone restraints” cannot be removed because there might be a specific instance where a student is transferred to the District that has “prone restraint” on their IEP, so it needs to be in the policy for students coming into the District.

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In order for Policy JKA to meet DESE requirements, the policy also needs to be more specific when discussing the program the District uses for Crisis Intervention training, as well as the training we provide the staff every year. An introductory, bulleted section will be added to the Policy, explaining the training that is required.

5. Feedback in Preparation for 2nd Read

- BG - Formulation of Policies - Amendment
Quite a bit of feedback was received for this Policy, specifically focusing on the aspect of the 2/3 vote and whether the School Committee has the authority to make that decision.

Essentially, the policy itself is not being changed. The section concerning the procedure of waiving the reading of a Policy before discussion can take place is being removed due to it clogging up the approval process.

Policy BG will be streamlined to say that a policy must go in front of the School Committee twice, but if emergency conditions arise, they can step in and make use of the 2/3 vote with an explanation of what that actually means.

The Policy itself has not been changed, however the unnecessary procedure has been red-lined for removal.

6. New Business

- KCD - Public Gifts to the Schools - Adoption
This is a brand-new Policy for DCRSD as it has been discussed in the past, but never created until now.

After discussion, the subcommittee believes that \$500 is a good number to start with and will reference a similar policy from Plainville, MA to create our first draft of Policy KCD.

7. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, March 17, 9:00 AM Video Conference

8. Future Agenda Items

- KEC/IJL - Feedback/cross-reference - Amend/Adoption
- IJNDB - Staff Responsible Use Policy - Amendment
- IJNDBA - Student Responsible Use Policy - Amendment
- IJNDBB - Social Networking (Currently EDC) - Amendment
- IJNA - School and District Web Pages - Amendment

9. Adjourn

A motion by J. Costello, second by J. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 AM was approved unanimously.

J. Evans – Yes

C. Kabala – Yes

J. Costello – Yes

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