

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

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

2. **Approval of Minutes, Meeting of Thursday, February 17, 2022**

A motion by J. Evans, second by C. Kabala to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting was passed unanimously

C. Kabala – Yes

J. Evans – Yes

J. Costello - Absent

3. **Communications**

The communications received will be discussed during the specific polity they reference.

4. **Feedback in Preparation for 2nd Read**

- **JKA – Restraint of Students in Public Schools - Amendment**

Communication was received from Mr. David Smolski on this policy and touches on the following issues:

How reasonable it is to think that trained DCRSD personnel will know about non-visible medical issues when they are trying to diffuse / de-escalate, and possibly restrain a student and who decides to escalate to the authorities and when? He also asks about the timeline in which the incident is reported and stresses the importance of notifying all appropriate parties immediately.

Ms. Costello responded to Mr. Smolski and his concerns were discussed in detail during the subcommittee meeting.

JKA is about DCRSD using the physical management (district uses SafetyCare) for those students that may/have exhibit aggressive/assaultive behavior towards themselves or others. They have a behavior plan with the district (generally written by the BCBA (board certified behavioral analyst)) and can only be restrained by those certified with the training. The staff involved in the restraint would then know that student's information and it would have been indicated in their plan.

What is written is the law, in order to be compliant with the law those are the timelines. Best practice is yes, to have a complete report the same day of the incident. However, that may not always happen as the staff member with the most accurate information being part of the restraint may have been injured and need medical assistance etc.

5. New Business

- **KCD - Gifts and Donations - Adoption**
In order to streamline the acceptance of gifts and donations, the subcommittee has chosen \$500 as the starting point to approve donations and gifts. Anything below \$500 will be approved instead of going to the full committee for a vote.

The Policy will be moved to First Read.

- **JE - School Attendance - Adoption**
The State published new guidelines on school attendance in February 2022. The policy is more of an overview on what is considered an Excused Absence vs a Non-Excused Absences and also touches on certain exceptions (i.e. College Visits).

It was requested that “designee” be added to the policy so that the principal or designee to take an individual case by case situation and decide conclusions based on that individual situation.

The Policy will be moved to First Read.

6. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 14, 9:00 AM Video Conference

7. 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**

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 AM by a roll call vote:

- C. Kabala – Yes
- J. Evans – Yes
- J. Costello - Yes

School Committee Members

Catherine Kabala – Chair
Jordan Evans
Jeanne Costello