

BARRE SUPERVISORY UNION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: August 21, 2017

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: BSU Upstairs Conference Area

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Revisions to Agenda
3. Approval of June 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes
4. Review of BSU Policy Manual Index
5. Discussion of Policies:
 - F28 (considering potential federal food guideline changes)
 - Policies on HIV/STI/Pregnancy Prevention (VSBA F33...)
 - Policy related to Student Interrogation (SHS policy JFG ?? rescinded within last few years)
 - DFB Scholarship Trust(requested by Guy Isabelle)
 - G6 Challenge Policy
 - Freedom of Expression
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Barre Supervisory Union – Upstairs Conference Room
June 19, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

J. Guy Isabelle (SHS) - Chair
Jennifer Chioldi (BC) – Vice Chair
Alice Farrell (BT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Deering (BC)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Luke Aither, Assistant Principal (SHS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dotty R. Ricks

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Mr. Isabelle, called the Monday, June 19, 2017, meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., which was held at the Barre Supervisory Union Central Office in the Upstairs Conference room.

2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Chioldi, seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting.

4. Review of BSU Policy Manual Index

A copy of the BSU Policy Manual Index was distributed. Minimal discussion was held, there were no questions or changes to the document.

5. Discussion of Policies

5.1 C7, F9, H3, and F28 (consider potential Federal Food Guideline changes)

Copies of the policies were distributed.

Policy C7 –

Mr. Isabelle advised that discussion relating to Policy C7 (Committees) was held at the last meeting and it was determined that this policy, relating to committees is no longer necessary because the bylaws address committees.

The following policies should be presented to the SHS Board for rescinding: C7, C7-1, C7-2, C7-3, and C7-4.

Ms. Ricks was advised regarding the elimination of curriculum and policy committees at the district level, and the ratification of BSU policies by the individual district boards. It was noted that a BSU Finance Committee will be formed, but that each district will continue to have individual finance committees.

Policy F9: Transportation -

Feedback on this policy at the VSBA meeting was very positive. Emily Simmons is fine with the changes.

The First Reading of this policy will be presented to the SU Board for approval.

Policy F33: Student Clubs & Activities –

It was noted that this policy is a combination of policies from the 3 district schools and reflects the discussion held at the last meeting. In response to a query from Ms. Ricks, it was noted that religious groups may use the school, but the school may not have an officially school sponsored religious club. SHS may not promote or endorse religious clubs or events, though a community bulletin board is available for others to use. It was further noted that groups may be denied use of the school if a foreseeable disturbance is anticipated.

The First Reading of this policy will be presented to the SU Board for approval.

Policy H3: Community Use of School Facilities –

This policy is also one that was crafted by combining policies from the 3 district schools. Mr. Aither advised that the fee schedule has been updated to reflect significant increases in rental fees though the fee schedule is not part of the policy.

The First Reading of this policy will be presented to the SU Board for approval.

Policy F28: Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy –

The Committee requires additional information regarding why it is being presented for discussion.

Discussion of this policy is tabled until the next meeting.

5.2 Polices on HIV/STI/Pregnancy Prevention

The VSBA has a 'Model Policy' (F33) that they have indicated is a "policy to consider". Mr. Aither will check to see if the SHS policies crafted in 1992 have been rescinded. Those policies are: JHCE, GBEB and procedures JHCE-R. It was noted that policies relating to HIV, STI, and Pregnancy Prevention are not required. Additional information is required before the committee can hold discussion. **Discussion of this policy is tabled until the next meeting.**

5.3 Policy Related to Student Interrogation (SHS Policy JFG? was rescinded within the last few years)

Copies of rescinded policies/procedures JFG (Interrogation or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement Personnel or Other Non-School Personnel) and JFGA (Search and Seizure) were distributed. Mr. Aither advised that these polices were rescinded a few years ago and recently there have been issues (with DCF) relating to interrogation of students. DCF is pushing back on SHS regarding the procedures currently in place. Mr. Aither provided an overview of the procedures currently enforced, advising that the attorney for SHS is confident that no laws are being broken. Administrators are currently drafting an MOU document (Method of Understanding). Mr. Aither feels it would be beneficial to have a policy in effect. Mr. Aither has copies of policies from other supervisory unions, including policies F4 (school personnel) and F5 (non-school personnel) from Chittenden South. Ms. Ricks will perform research to determine if there is an active policy that replaces rescinded policy JFG. This issue will be added to a future agenda.

5.4 DFB Scholarship Trust

Mr. Isabelle believes that policy DFA was rescinded because the school no longer administers the Scholarship Trust Fund. Mr. Isabelle believes it would be beneficial to have a policy in place that would assure the numerous scholarships are advertised, as this may help promote the school. Mr. Aither provided a brief overview regarding how students are advised regarding available scholarships. Mr. Isabelle advised that the Alumni Association is the primary solicitor of new scholarship donations. After brief discussion, the Committee agreed not to take action at this time.

5.5 G6 Challenge Policy

Additional information is necessary. **Discussion of this policy is tabled until the next meeting.**

6. Other Business as Needed

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barre Supervisory Union in the Upstairs Conference Room.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Chioldi, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Poulin