

WSESU Meeting

Monday, August 24th, 2020

Meeting begins 6:33.

Changes to the agenda: Scott Richardson asks to add electronics communications policy.

No public comments.

Anne Redmond says that the minutes are unreadable and asks that they be tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion and Action Items:

1. Financials

- Summary of General Fund (central office, special education) and ECE Fund. Over 54,098.37 because of food program hire, 3.28%.

- CARES Act Fund: Consists of ESSER and CRF
 - COVID Relief Fund
 - FY20: tracked COVID-related expenses
 - \$55 million set aside
 - FY21 - track COVID costs, report for grant - not reimbursed the same, or at the same rate.
 - ESSER
 - \$13.5 billion
 - Spring 2021 expenditures
 - Ed has asked for all admins to discuss these on Wednesday.
 - Question: could re-assigned tasks be paid as COVID expenses?

1. Policies

- Electronic communications between employees and students
 - VSBA required policy
 - Drafted by Pietro and Heather Lynn
 - Elizabeth: To clarify, in the first paragraph should it say “any” student under 18, or any WSESU student? - Bill: any student.
 - Insert “may or may not” be subject to protection under collective

- Paragraph 1 re. Contact with students, what about parent employees who have kids with social media accounts? Safety issue re. Not monitoring their kids' social media use
- Bill: missing means by which teachers and staff can communicate
 - Must be through school mail or SIS
 - Must be trackable
 - In case a legal matter arises, communications may be tracked
 - There should be an expectation that all communications must be trackable
 - Amy: should this be a procedure?
 - Social media posts are public
- Sarah Stewart Taylor: we may want to define “communication”
 - What level is acceptable? Amy: policy defines it
 - Does it have to be so broad?
 - If we are specific, we run the risk of becoming obsolete quickly
- Bill: look at the definitions of both policies; look at the prohibition of family member rules; look at what can be taken out
- Scott: Having an expert opinion may be helpful, e.g., Pietro, Alyssa McDermott
- Nancy Pedrick: Face Time? Considered social media?
- Hartford Anti-Racism policy
 - Should have procedures, not policies, should be cleaned up more and not just replace Hartford
 - Ask Hartford people whether original includes questions
 - Should it include a definition of racism?
 - Should there be training developed for students of varying age groups (procedure, not policy)
 - Should it include means by which to measure progress?
 - Kris: This is not a policy that anyone has expressed that this is what we want
 - This is not a reading.
 - Bill: semantics are important sometimes.
 - Kris: willing to gather and review other potential policies
- Model Emergency Policy (D-22 VSBA)
 - David Baker: the definition rests with the governor's office

- Should we do away with the first bullet point since we already passed it?
- Monthly status report
- Colleen: are we meeting again before school starts?
- School reopening:
 - Sorting through AoE applications and remote
 - AoE applications up 30% across the state
 - Angie: 130 students remote
 - 5 teachers confirmed remote-only
 - We may have people not show up on September 8th
 - Registration form must e completed
 - 9-12 student schedules make it unsure for HS
 - Always had the remote option, which may help here
 - FAQ should be out by the end of the week.
 - Angie: in-service plan:
 - New teacher orientation Thursday
 - Fri-Mon tech VTVLC training
 - Sept 1-2 remote training
 - Sept 3 CPS
 - Fri 4th prep day
- Office Space
 - Bank IT department moved out
 - Katie: crunched for space
 - ECE special ed services
 - 86% attending programs outside pre-k
 - Increased special ed staff
 - LEAs and admin
 - Meeting space
 - Evaluations
 - Cost \$1200/mo; \$14,400/yr
 - We will not sign contract for more than two years.

Next agenda:

Social media/Electronic communications policy (blended)

Anti-racism policy

School re-opening
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