

POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 9, 2021
Place: Virtual Meeting (using Zoom) as permitted by Executive Order 7b (March 14, 2020) and in person at Havemeyer building

Present: Christina Downey (chair)
Kathleen Stowe
Karen Hirsh
Dr. Toni Jones, Superintendent

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Hirsh and seconded by Ms. Stowe. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from 2/23/21 was made by Ms. Stowe and seconded by Ms. Downey. Motion passed 3-0.

1. Review of proposed revised Special Education policies

The Committee discussed revised drafts of Policy 6159, "Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program," and Policy 6171, "Special Education". The committee requested that Dr Jones review the revised draft of Policy 6159 and will discuss any additional revisions at the 3/30/21 PGC meeting.

Policy 6171 was revised to add additional language proposed by CAFE as well as the required addition of a footnote (A.R. v. Connecticut State Board of Education, 3:16-CV-01197 (CSH D. Conn. June 10, 2020) so that the policy is in compliance with this court ruling and directives from the State Department of Education.

A motion to approve the revised draft of Policy 6171 was made by Ms. Downey and seconded by Ms. Stowe. Motion passed 3-0.

The committee determined that it would bring both of these policies together before the Board after any revisions to Policy 6159 rather than one at a time.

2. Review of proposed policies on Board member usage of Social Media and Civility Code

The Committee discussed the revised drafts of Policy 9273, "Civility Code", approved and recommended by CAFE and Policy 9327.1, "Board Member Use of Internet Social Networks" and the accompanying appendix.

The Committee discussed the two CAFE recommended options for language pertaining to FOIA included in the draft policy 9327.1 and unanimously selected the second option. The Committee made a minor revision to the wording of Social Media Guideline #5 in order to provide clarity. The Committee unanimously decided to include the Appendix for Policy 9327.1.

The Committee discussed the revised draft of Policy 9273, "Civility Code" and noted that revisions included were to add "Greenwich" where directed in the draft provided by CAFE and to remove the list of sources.

A motion to approve the revised draft of Policy 9327.1 with the Appendix was made by Ms. Downey and seconded by Ms. Stowe. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion to approve the revised draft of Policy 9273 was made by Ms. Downey and seconded by Ms. Stowe. Motion passed 3-0.

It was discussed that after the first read of these policies with the full Board that there may be a need for an additional committee meeting prior to the March 30 scheduled meeting to solely address any needed revisions to those policies.

3. Discussion of naming policy relating to GHS track

The Committee discussed the request made to name the GHS Track in honor of former GHS Track Coach Bill "Mongo" Mongovan. After reviewing Policy 7551, the Committee felt that it would be best to discuss the item with the Board and hear the Board's views on naming policies going forward.

4. Finalize the first portion of the policy crosswalk for procedures to be retired

The Committee reviewed 28 procedures recommended for retirement and the method for doing so, noting that CAFE has stated that the Board does not need to vote to retire procedures, however PGC is required to inform the Board

which procedures are being retired. The first grouping will be presented to the Board at its next meeting

5. Planning for future crosswalk work

The Committee discussed how to move forward with the remaining procedures that need to be reviewed and retired and decided that the goal would be to, at each of the upcoming Board meetings set for this school year, present the Board with a section of the procedures slated for retirement. It was discussed that remaining procedures should try to be categorized prior to the next committee meeting on March 30.

6. New business

The Committee did not have any additional new business to discuss.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Hirsh and seconded by Ms. Downey.
Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned 12:38 p.m.

Approved 3/30/21
3-0