



Mt. Greylock Regional School District

School Committee Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Date: August, 29th, 2019

Start: 10:31am

Adjourn: 11:10am

Location:

MGRS Meeting Room A102

1781 Cold Spring Road Williamstown, MA 01267

In Attendance:

Committee Members:	Also Present:
Ali Carter Steve Miller (via phone) Christina Conry <u>Absent:</u>	Kim Grady, Superintendent Eileen Belastock, Director of Academic Technology

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Item	Comments	Motion	Second	Vote
I. Call to order	Christina called policy subcommittee meeting to order at 10:31am			
II. Organize newly created Policy Subcommittee	Discussed briefly if a Vice Chair was needed in a subcommittee. Yes, was the determination. In case the Chair is not available for a time sensitive issue. Chair, Appointed: Christina Conry			
	Vice Chair: Ali Carter	Christina Conry	Steve Miller	3-0-0
	Secretary: Steven Miller	Ali Carter	Christina Conry	3-0-0
III. Brief report from the outgoing liaison	Steve Miller gave a brief history of his role as a Policy Liaison. Found a one-person policy liaison just didn't work. Chair should set agenda for meetings going forward with input from other members. Should always be a first and second reading of policy.			
IV. Review draft policy on dissection and dissection alternatives	This is a policy mandated by the state. Language and policy provided by Dupres. Needs to be in place by start of school. 1 st and second reading of policy will be brought fourth at Sept. 12 regular session meeting. Committee agreed chart format			



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	<p>was the easiest to understand. Kim will follow up with Biology teacher.</p>			
<p>V. Electronic Devices/Cell Phone Use Policy: Discussion</p>	<p>This discussion was brought forward by a parent at a recent school council meeting. The parent wanted to ban all devices from middle school students. We reviewed current “Electronic Device Procedure” from handbook. After discussion about the importance of Digital Citizenship the subcommittee felt with some additions and changes the current procedure is a valid one.</p> <p>We recognize the concern of screen time and social issues with cell phone use. Discussed pouches in front of classroom: who is responsible if a phone is taken that doesn’t belong to the individual? Teacher, student? Determined putting cellphone into backpack was more of an acceptable route. We did ask the question: Is there a policy that does not allow 7th graders to bring their backpacks into the classroom? Some students may use their phones at lunch for various social/emotional issues.</p> <p>We’d like to see current procedure reinforced by working with and communicating with the teachers.</p> <p>Add language to unacceptable use: Using the phone to directly harm someone. Video taking should be for instructional uses only.</p> <p>Responsible use is taught to 7th graders by Social Studies teachers.</p>			
<p>VI. Sports Concussion management policy and Procedure letter of affirmation: Discussion</p>	<p>Reviewed existing Concussion Policy & Procedure. The language needs to be cleaned up to follow State mandate. Lindsey should have past letter template for review by next meeting. We will vote</p>			



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	on letter at next regular session. Needs to be sent by Sept. 30th			
VII. Building Use and Fee Structure: Discussion	<p>Requests are flowing in for building use. We need to finalize our building and use policy and rates. We have special concerns about gymnasium use as they've all had their floors redone. Rates cover added maintenance and use of paper materials (TP/Paper Towels) during special events. The district should not have to absorb those costs.</p> <p>Change in Group B section for "Youth Group" category. Some groups do pay a fee so change from N/A to "Contact Us" – in the Gymnasium and Athletic Field Sections.</p>			
VIII. Other Business	None			
IX. Motion to adjourn		Christina	Steve	3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Conry
Mount Greylock School Committee Member