

**Mount Greylock Regional School District
Policy Subcommittee**

Location: MGRS Meeting room A109
1781 Cold Spring Rd. Williamstown, MA 01267

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019
11 am**

Open Session Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes
 - A. August 29, 2019
- III. School Facilities Use Form- discussion
- IV. Other business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting
- V. Motion to adjourn



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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

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Procedures and Guidelines
Governing Use of School Facilities



Dear Community Member:

This packet contains all the information needed to reserve school facilities in the Mount Greylock Regional School District. The School Committee supports the use of school facilities by community groups (after normal use by students and faculty) and believes that such use enriches the quality of life for everyone in the community.

These procedures and guidelines represent the efforts of the School Committee to encourage the use of school facilities and bring consistency to the regulations and fee structure associated with the program.

Mount Greylock Regional School District has wonderful school facilities that have been used by community groups for meetings and events. The School Committee wishes to continue its partnership with the community and extends an invitation for you to hold your events with us.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Grady
Superintendent of Schools

Mount Greylock Regional School District

Use of School Facilities

Philosophy

The Mount Greylock Regional School Committee encourages the use of school facilities for educational, charitable, recreational and civic purposes, sponsored by recognized, responsible organizations. The Mount Greylock Regional School District is committed to ensuring that all of its programs and facilities are accessible to the public. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

The Mount Greylock Regional School District neither endorses, supports, nor sponsors any of the activities which may occur as a result of the use of the school facilities.

The use of school facilities must be consistent with the district's energy conservation program and fees associated with the use will vary contingent upon the nature of the sponsoring group, activity, and time of use. It is not the intent of the committee that for-profit groups be subsidized by public funds. Such groups shall incur additional charges for the use of school buildings.

The Superintendent and/or designee shall serve as the School Committee's representative in processing applications, approving use, and enforcing regulations. Any request to waive or change fees must be approved by the Superintendent.

General Guidelines for Use

1. For non-school related activities, all costs shall be borne by the user group. Fees will include the direct costs associated with the activity such as rental fees and personnel costs.
2. The School Department requires that adequate staff be scheduled to ensure the security of the building and to provide for expedient cleaning. The terms of existing labor contracts will be consulted when assigning custodial and cafeteria fees.
3. All user groups shall save and hold harmless the Mount Greylock Regional School District and its officers and employees and assume responsibility for all liabilities arising from incidents as a result of use.
4. A Certificate of Insurance must be submitted as evidence of insurance coverage and must designate both, the using organization and Mount Greylock Regional School District, as insured and not merely as certified holders.
5. The group categories and the fee schedules will be agreed to prior to usage approval.

Rental Group Categories

Group A: Recognized school or civic groups based in the Williamstown-Lanesborough community, but not necessarily established as non-profit organization (i.e., PTO, School Councils, Town Recreation / Youth Groups).

Group B: Non-profit groups with a majority of the participants residing in Regional member Towns (i.e., youth groups, churches and charities). Groups are required to provide proof of tax-exempt status at the time the Application for Use of School Facilities is submitted.

Group C: For-profit groups (i.e., private dance schools, theater groups) and non-profit groups that have fewer than half of the participants residing in District.

School Facilities Rental Fee Schedule

(Rates subject to change per approval of School Committee)

Facility	Group A Rate	Group B Rate	Group C Rate
Auditorium – MGRS Auditorium – WES	N/A	\$100/day \$75/day	\$500/day \$250/day
Gymnasium	N/A	Contact Us	\$250/day \$40/hour (weekdays) Weekend/Holiday/School Not in Session – gym is only rented out in half day intervals at \$125/half day (4 hours max)
Cafeteria w/o Kitchen Cafeteria w/ Kitchen	N/A Contact Us	Contact Us Contact Us	\$250/day Contact Us
Regular Classrooms	N/A	N/A	\$75/day
	<i>(max. of \$225/day if multiple classrooms are requested.)</i>		
Lab Classrooms	N/A	N/A	\$150/day
Library	N/A	N/A	\$250/day
Athletic Fields	N/A	Contact Us	\$200/day \$40/hour (min. 2 hours)

Personnel Fees

Custodial Staff: A custodian must be on the premises at all times. Custodial fees will be added to above rates for any use beyond 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, anytime on Saturday or Sunday, and any day that school is not in session. If the Director of Building and Grounds and building Principal determine that more than the regularly scheduled staff is needed, these costs will also be added to the facility rates. At the discretion of the School Committee, these fees may be waived or adjusted for Groups A and B.

Kitchen Staff: Access to the kitchen is not available unless a cafeteria worker is present. This person will have full authority over all kitchen equipment and may restrict access to certain equipment.

MGRS Audio/Visual Equipment: Access to the audio/visual system in the Middle/High School is only permitted by the Director of Operations or his designee. This person will have full authority over the a/v system and may restrict access to certain equipment.

Police Officers: All organizations must arrange and pay for police services directly through the local Police Department if deemed necessary.

Outside Restrooms: Organizations requesting Athletic Field use are required to provide portable restroom facilities per playing field being used.

Guidelines for Scheduling/Approvals

1. The Superintendent, in attempting to make the school facilities available to the maximum number of persons/organizations in the community will consider applications for use in the following order whenever feasible and practical:
 - Mount Greylock Regional School District Students
 - Mount Greylock Affiliated Groups (Committee, Councils, PTO, Etc.)
 - Member Town Recreation/Youth Groups
 - Adult Recreation
 - Local Non-Profit Organizations

The Superintendent will be the final determining agent regarding any scheduling conflicts.

2. **Event Requests Requiring Special Instructions** – must be made, at least, two weeks prior to the event.

Regulations Governing Use of School Facilities

1. Mass. General Law requires obtaining **Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)** for all volunteers and others who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children. This includes all volunteers, chaperones, coaches, etc. who may be assisting you. All organizations are responsible for adhering to these requirements and obtaining CORIs when needed.
2. Mass. General Law prohibits smoking or alcoholic beverages on school property.
3. Participants shall not be restricted from participation for reasons of race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, creed, national origin or disability conditions. However the School Committee is not prohibited from allowing the use of school premises by independent groups with restrictive membership.

4. In compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, the School Committee prohibits firearms and other dangerous weapons in schools and adopts the statutory definitions of a firearm and other dangerous weapons in addition to any definitions it may include in its student-parent handbook.
5. Hazing of students is prohibited by state law, and is defined as any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization that willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of the student.
6. Food and drinks shall occur only in authorized areas.
7. No other area than that approved for use on the application shall be used. No school material or furniture may be used without permission of the Superintendent. For any major function requiring use of a stage with scenery, the facility must be requested with additional time to allow setting up and dismantling of the scenery.
8. Users will assume full responsibility for the proper use of the facilities and for payment of damages.
9. If school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency, all events and activities will be cancelled. It is the organization's responsibility to reschedule.
10. School personal properties, such as projectors, recorders, amplifying units, etc., are not included in the rental contract.
11. A letter of determination from the IRS or other documentation to verify tax-exempt status must accompany this application before an organization will be considered non-profit for fee setting purposes.
12. Thirty-six hour notice will be required in the event of cancellation; otherwise, the applicant will be responsible for the custodial and facility rental fees.
13. The Mount Greylock Regional School District is not responsible for any personal property present or left on the premises.
15. The Superintendent reserves the right to refuse the use of facilities to any group that has violated any condition, rule, regulation, or guideline concerning use of the premises in the past, or which has otherwise abused this privilege.

PLEASE REFER TO THE PREVIOUS PAGES FOR RENTAL RATES, PERSONNEL CHARGES, AND RELATED INFORMATION

The individual signing the request form hereby assumes responsibility for any accidents, injury or damages that may occur to the building or equipment made available to him/her and for any repairs required as a result of same. Accidents or damages that occur during the use of a school facility must be reported to the Superintendent or designee within 24 hours. In consideration for the use of facilities owned or operated by the Mount Greylock Regional School District, the undersigned organization hereby releases and holds harmless the Mount Greylock Regional School District and its employees, agents, and volunteers (collectively, "the District") from and against any and all injuries, damages, liabilities, actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that may arise out of or in connection with the use of such facilities by the undersigned organization or its employees, agents, or volunteers, and further agrees to indemnify the District from and against any and all injuries, damages, liabilities, actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) by third parties arising out of or in connection with the organization's or its employees', agents', or volunteers' activities on or about the rented premises. Please familiarize yourself and your group members with this School Rental Contract and its attachments, sign and return. No reservation will be made until this application is returned to you with an approved signature.

I have read this Contract, including attachments, and the regulations for the use of the Mount Greylock Regional School District property, and accept the responsibility for payment of bills, the observance of all regulations, and all terms hereof. I will finalize all arrangements with the building office one week prior to specified date and earlier to the extent required above.

*Applicant's Signature

Date

*This constitutes your digital/electronic signature.

APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

INSTRUCTIONS:

Internal: District/School Personnel completing this form to reserve space for school-related activities / clubs are asked to fill out the form and send to the appropriate main office secretary.

External: Requests from public entities wishing to use school facilities: Please, fill out form completely, sign, and e-mail to Stacie Vigiard in the Superintendent's office at svigiard@mqrhs.org.

PLEASE ATTACH a current Certificate of Insurance which lists the District as an additional insured and not merely as a certificate holder.

PLEASE ATTACH proof of nonprofit status (if applicable).

Name of Organization: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

*Date(s) of Event: _____

If you are requesting **multiple event dates, please indicate when event will be over (i.e., Meetings to be held every Monday during the month of January; or meetings to be held on the 1st Monday of each month until the end of December).*

Time of Event: _____ to _____ (Specify AM or PM)

Requested Custodial Start Time: _____ to _____

Description of Event: _____

Estimated Number of Participants: _____ Spectators: _____

Rental Group Category (refer to page 2 of Procedures & Guidelines): Group A Group B Group C

FACILITY REQUESTED:	
Lanesborough Elementary School:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Room <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify In Special Instructions Section)
Williamstown Elementary School:	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria <input type="checkbox"/> Library <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify In Special Instructions Section) <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Room

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditorium | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnasium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor (Please specify under Special Instructions Section) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Room (A109) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify In Special Instructions Section) |

Special Instructions/ List of Special Equipment Needed per Room/Area (please be specific)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Principal's Signature _____

Date _____

Approvals as needed:

Director of Building and Grounds _____
Date: _____

Director of Operations _____
Date: _____

Assistant Principal _____
Date: _____

Athletic Director _____
Date: _____

*Superintendent _____
Date: _____

Please route to the following individuals as needed:

Nurse: _____ Librarian: _____ P.E. teacher: _____ Instrumental music: _____
Music teacher: _____ Food service: _____ Applicant: _____ Other: _____