Bourne School Committee
Policy Subcommittee
January 14, 2014 - Minutes

Present: Matt Stuck, Jay O'Hara, Chris Garth

1. Accepted Minutes from 12/10/13
2. Reviewed feedback Policy ID 'School Day'. Final draft reviewed following SchComm mtg distribution on 1/8/14. Recommendation will be made at February SchComm to adopt final revision. Jay shared concept of a later start time for high school students with HS BBTLT. Faculty is currently looking at different scheduling models and this will be included in the discussion.
3. Reviewed feedback from the Director of Students services on policy IGBH 'Alternative Programs'. Christina Stuart reviewed the existing policy in detail. After thoughtful consideration, she observes that any alternative program policy revisions would likely be too general or easily outdated to support BPS students requiring alternative services. Additionally, the concept and definitions for 'alternative' programs are outdated and inconsistent with both current state laws and regulations, and BPS Vision and Mission. This led to discussion about how the policy may be more helpful to the district through combining with a further amended IG.
4. Reviewed Policy IG in more detail. Determined that draft IG 'Curriculum Adoption' should expanded further to include paragraph five of the current IGBH as modified ('all instructional' for 'alternative,' and 'vision, mission' for 'philosophy'; the last sentence will require further assessment) as the new last paragraph in IG which should then be named 'Curriculum and Learning Programs.' IG will also need to reflect 'middle school' as well as the high school program of studies. Jay will incorporate new these changes into IG and review with Supt & Assistant Supt prior to February SchComm Meeting. IG will be re-distributed at next SchComm Meeting.
5. Review proposed Policy IH 'Instructional Goals'. Curriculum Sub recommended combining IHA & IHAI along with emphasis on love of learning, habits of mind, critical thinking, strong work ethic, etc. into a single policy IH. Jay will take on the draft for February Policy Sub.
6. Discuss IKF 'Graduation Requirements' [not "IKM" as appearing incorrectly in the agenda]. Jay contacted the HS Guidance Dept. for feedback. They replied that in assessing the current course schedule, graduation requirement recommendations may change (i.e. possibility of a 4th year of math, etc.) This policy will also need to reflect the completion of any require state-wide competency requirements (e.g. MCAS, PARCC, etc.) as determined by DESE. IKF will await the outcome of the BHS scheduling decisions.
7. Review all IHAM policies. The School Wellness Advisory Council should be consulted for their content feedback and recommendations concerning: IHAM-1, IHAM-1-E, IHAM-R and IHAMA. Jay will forward them to Anne-Marie Siroonian requesting that they be added to their agenda.
8. Discuss Policy IHBB 'Educating Students of High Potential.' This discussion focused on ways to support all of our learners, versus just those of perceived high potential. Looking ahead to the other IHB-policies, they all address specific student needs. We need to develop instructional expectations for all students. IHBs will be revisited at February Policy Sub.
9. Discuss Policy IHBD 'Compensatory Education.' All IHB policies will be revisited at Feb Policy Sub.
10. Discuss IKAB 'Reporting to Parents.' This may have involved a link to the new PowerSchool student information system. Jay will follow up with the Supt to readdress at Feb meeting.
11. Future agenda items: Review feedback on ID 'School Day', Review feedback on IG 'Curriculum & Learning Programs', Review draft IH 'Instructional Goals', Discuss IHAM Policies (relative to health ed.), Discuss IHB to articulate the needs of all students within the SchComm's Vision.

Adjourned at 7:00PM
Next Meeting: Tuesday, 2/11/14 at 5:30.