Bourne School Committee Meeting
Policy Sub Committee
December 10, 2013
School Administration Building

Opened at 5:33PM. Attendees: Matt Stuck; Jay O'Hara, Laura Scena (departed at 6:17), Steve Lamarche (Supt.), Buzz Sequeira (Community member)

1. Accepted Minutes from 11/12/13
2. Reviewed Policy ID 'School Day'. Final draft reviewed. Discussed the emphasis on student arrival not more than 15 minutes ahead of time. Will be distributed at January SchComm. Based on some community/parent feedback and current research findings, the concept of a later start to HS day was raised. Jay will reach out to HS BBTLT.
3. Reviewed Policy IE 'Organization of Instruction'. Curriculum Sub feedback was that we should consider retiring it. Discussed the nature of instruction beginning through grade spans, but the policy is empty of value to teachers or students. Policy Sub concurs and will recommend its retirement to the SchComm.
4. Reviewed Policy IGBH 'Alternative Programs'. Policy contains unspecific content which does not seem to add value to the development of student programs in the district. Director of Student Services will provide also feedback. We will reevaluate in January.
5. 6. and 7. Redraft IGA 'Curriculum Development,' Redraft IGD 'Curriculum Adoption' and Consider new possible IG 'Curriculum.' Curriculum Sub recommended combining IGA & IGD as both are unspecific and included in both the MGL's and Assistant Superintendent's job description. Steve drafted a combination of IGA and IGD to a three paragraph Policy IG 'Curriculum Development and Adoption'. Reviewed, discussed and will distribute at the January SchComm.
8. Discuss Policy IHA 'Basic Instructional Program.' Policy is too vague and does not seem to add value to supporting student growth. We should consider a Policy IH 'Instructional Goals' which address love of learning, habits of mind, critical thinking, strong work ethic, etc. This should combine IHAI. Jay will redraft a
9. Discuss Policy IHAI 'Occupational Education.' See above.
10. Discuss IKF 'Graduation Requirements.' Reviewed the existing policy. Jay will reach out to HS Guidance Department for feedback or recommendations on the way ahead for this.
11. Future agenda items: Review feedback from distribution of ID 'School Day', Review Student Services feedback of Policy IGBH 'Alternative Programs', Review feedback from distribution of IG 'Curriculum Development and Adoption', Review proposed IH 'Instructional Goals', Discuss IKM 'Graduation Requirement', Review all IHAMs (relative to health education), Discuss IHBB 'Educating Students of Potential', Discuss IHBD 'Compensatory Education'.

Adjourned at 6:51

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1/14 at 5:30.