Bourne School Committee Meeting
Policy Sub Committee
September 10, 2013

Members Present: Laura Scena, Jay O'Hara, Matthew Stuck (arrived at 5:50)
Others Present: Steven Lamarche, Ann-Marie Strode, Jim Kinsella

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Minutes

1. Reviewed and accepted August 12, 2013 minutes.

Discussed norms: Norms:

Jay O'Hara will serve as 2013-14 Chair of Policy Subcommittee – Unanimously approved.
Matt Stuck will serve as Secretary for 2013-14 – Unanimously approved.
Other Subcommittee Norms:

a. Being prepared and have read policies prior to meeting;
b. Meetings not to exceed an hour and half;
c. Focus on policies by series and proceed sequentially through them and not to jump around throughout sections (unless necessitated by other factors);
d. Maintain a spreadsheet to track the status of policies

2. Goals:
   a. To ensure that all policies have an operational and functional document that is accessible
   b. To evaluate how BPS policies are going to impact the students of the district
   c. To assess the guidance for the Superintendent and the district, and the value of students in the district.

3. Policy IA (Instructional Goals): Policy IA does not support student achievement or the growth of the district. The MASC no longer supports this policy. Motion to recommend retirement policy IA (Instructional Goals) made by Jay O'Hara and seconded by Matt Stuck. Unanimously approved. Outcome: Will be recommended for retirement at Oct 2013 SC meeting.

4. Policy IB (Academic Freedom): Intent of policy should be to encourage academic risk-taking and freedom of expression. Goals of policy should include: encouraging students embracing their academic freedom and ask hard questions, and supporting teachers to take risks with their practice to improve learning. Outcome should support strong instructional practice. Academic Freedom case studies from DESE support these aims. Outcome: Superintendent to draft a 2-3 sentence re-write before the October Policy Sub.

5. Policy IC/ICA (School Year/School Calendar):
   - Rename policy "ICA: School Calendar"
   - Replace 'May 1st' with "the April School Committee meeting"
   - In paragraph 1, add: "in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and the Code of Massachusetts Regulations." after 'Board of Education.'
   - Delete middle 2 paragraphs (#1 and #2)
   - Keep last paragraph
   - Confirm & hyperlink references

   Outcome: Distribute for first read at October SC Meeting

6. Policy ID (School Day):
   - Add sentence 2: "The school day will be in accordance with the collective bargaining agreements."
   - Last sentence, edit: Parents and "caregivers" and "through multiple mediums."
     Delete Paragraph 2
   Outcome: Superintendent to make edits before the October Policy Sub.

7. Policy IE (Organization of Instruction): Refer to Curriculum Sub for review and feedback before the next meeting

8. Future Agenda Items
   Review Policy Adoption BGB
   Review ID draft revision
   Review IB draft revision
   Action on IC/ICA come back after SC distribution
   Review IE feedback Curriculum Sub
   Review IGBH feedback from Student Services
   Discuss IGA (Curriculum Development)
   Discuss IGD (Curriculum Adoption)

Next Meeting: 5:30PM, 10/8 (second Tuesday)

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.