

## Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Notes

**Meeting:** December 6, 2021 – 6:00 pm –Kingswood Regional High School Room 211

**Present:**

**GWRSB Academic Affairs Committee** Charlene Seibel, Tim Eldridge. **Excused:** Krista Abear, Stefanie King

**Administration:** Heather Cummings, Kaitlyn Hills

**Other:** Community member

**Agenda Review**

No changes

**Policies**

The committee spent a fair amount of time discussing Policy JICA, Student Dress Code. Do we want to be consistent across the District and is it fair for principals to have to interpret the policy; especially regarding hats. Policy JICD and JICD-R, Student Discipline and Due Process; JICI, Weapons on School Property and Policy JICK Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention/Bullying will be presented to the Board for approval.

**HB2/Discriminatory Practice Prohibitions**

There has been much discussion about this bill, Right to Freedom from Discrimination in Public Workplaces and Education, and what prohibitions it imposes on public employers, government programs, and schools. Critical Race Theory is not taught in the District.

**Unfinished Learning Assessment & Intervention Overview**

Katey Hills, District Curriculum Director, gave an assessment update and talked about procedures to address some of the District's concerns. She said the District did not have normal participation rates with the state assessment tests because in-school students were tested and many students were in remote learning or being homeschooled due to COVID and a remote option was not available to them. There were a number of factors that influenced learning: limited instruction time, there were a variety of experiences (hybrid, remote, homeschool), and student and staff absences. The District is addressing the issues in the following ways: contracting with the NH Learning Initiative for curriculum and assessment work, prioritizing competencies for all K-8 subject areas, math coaches were hired in all buildings as well as a curriculum project manager at the high school and providing additional math and literacy professional development. The District is implementing ExactPath (K-12) in place of NWEA and Courseware (9-12) as a credit recovery tool.

**Adjournment**

6:56 pm

Recorded by,



Linda Murphy  
School Board Secretary