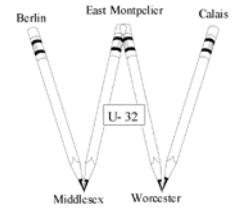


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WCUUSD Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 6.9.20 4:30-6:30 pm

Via Video Conference*

approved 6-16-2020

Present: Chris McVeigh (Chair), Debra Taylor, Jody Emerson, Jaiel Pulskamp, Aaron Boynton, Dorothy Naylor, Townes DeGroot, Brian Fischer

1. **Call to Order:** Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of 6.2.20: Dorothy Naylor moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2020. Seconded by Jaiel Pulskamp, this motion carried unanimously.**

Brian Fischer, U-32 Food Director, joined the committee to answer some questions and provide some input based on discussion from the previous meeting re: C9 Nutrition & Wellness.

Brian shared that Reinhart is a big provider; we do buy several local foods from them, such as Cabot, etc. He spoke about some of the other purchasing practices, at U-32 and at the elementary schools. He spoke about Reinhart's pricing structure, which is hard to compete versus local farmers' pricing structure.

Brian suggested that the policy might include language such as "make purchases when we can, locally," but he thinks that having specific requirements around local purchasing would be an imposition. Jaiel stated that her intention was to use such verbiage ("when possible..."); she spoke about the possibility of creating a task force for fundraising to support purchasing locally, especially local meat products. She shared her concerns with using the meat products from some of the larger providers or the USDA program.

Brian shared the pricing structure that Reinhart uses - a markup of only 3%. Additionally, Reinhart provides rebates. It is very hard to compete with this.

Dorothy Naylor asked whether there would be benefit to having one account with Reinhart versus each school having its own account. Brian shared that an account needs to be held for each site of delivery. Dorothy Naylor indicated that even though we have separate accounts, we still are a combined district and we can try to get the biggest discount as such.

Some discussion followed around the greenhouse. Jody Emerson stated that she could get the powerpoint presentations that had been shared around the greenhouse. The committee discussed student, staff, and community involvement in the greenhouse.

Debra Taylor noted that at this time we do not have a district-wide person coordinating the purchasing. She suggested that when the WCUUSD board begins its work on the Efficiency Study, this can be a topic of discussion. Brian stated that there has been a lot of conversation and sharing of ideas and practice during this distance learning period; more so than normally in the past. Chris McVeigh suggested that maybe the foodservice directors at each school would want to participate in discussions, for example, around the Efficiency Study.

Jody Emerson stated that each school has so much on its plate right now with trying to plan the fall, she suggests waiting until Spring 2021 to begin these discussions. Aaron Boynton agreed.

Debra Taylor suggested that there may be some staff who are interested in pursuing this at this time. Chris McVeigh suggested that some board members might be interested as well. Dorothy Naylor stated that it is important that the foodservice staff be included in these discussions, so that each school is represented.

Committee members thanked Brian for his participation, and for the work that has been done during this spring with the COVID19 crisis.

3. Requested Review

3.1 C7 Student Attendance: Debra Taylor suggested that we might want to see how things go in the fall; we don't know what it will look like yet - for instance, there may be more "tele-medicine" practice. Jody Emerson stated that she thinks we will be getting some guidance from the state regarding attendance. Debra Taylor suggested that the attendance policies might need to be revisited in the fall, and that at this time it might be wise to leave the policy as it is. Chris McVeigh suggested approving the policy as it stands but to put it on the future agenda list so that we remember to revisit.

4. Review Existing Policies

4.1 Section C – Students

4.1.1 Current (C20/C45, C46, C47/C48, C49)

C20 Student Conduct and Discipline: Dorothy Naylor suggested an edit to the first page, for clarity. The committee will revisit this policy at the next meeting.

C46 Interrogation or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement or Other Non-School Personnel: The committee had discussed the idea of video recording during these interrogations, at the previous meeting. They discussed the location of the interviews: is the school required to open its doors to allow the interview to take place there? Dorothy Naylor stated that she does not think it's appropriate to tell students that they have the right to video record an interview, without explaining to students that the video recording would be the student's responsibility to secure/ keep, and not the school's. They might not understand the implications of video recording. The committee will revisit this at the next meeting. Chris McVeigh asked Townes DeGroot what he thinks of the idea of video recording? He stated that, as a student, he would like to know the rights that he has.

C47: Student Exchange: The committee discussed this policy, including the fact that we do not charge tuition to foreign exchange students. A few edits were suggested, for clarity. This policy will go to the WCUUSD board.

C49: Kindergarten Entrance Age: Aaron Boynton suggested that the second paragraph be eliminated altogether. It is ambiguous and could open schools to a lot of appeals. Dorothy Naylor asked how this date dovetails with preschool entrance dates and requirements. Discussion followed around this policy and the September 1 deadline (for 5th birthday) to enter kindergarten. Chris McVeigh brought up the concept of proficiency, in this context. He stated that he would like the policy to allow for flexibility. Some discussion followed around principals having some discretion.

Aaron Boynton shared that the principals had suggested that the verbiage in the policy be black and white and not suggest that parents can appeal.

Chris McVeigh asked committee members their thoughts on removing the second paragraph. He would like to keep it; Jaiel stated that she would like to keep it, to allow for some flexibility. Dorothy Naylor stated that she could go either way; she sees both sides of the issue.

Some discussion followed around the possibility of changing the second paragraph. Debra Taylor suggested, for instance, requiring a written request by June 1st for an exception. Some discussion followed around providing some sort of assessment that might help inform a decision. The committee agreed to keep the paragraph as it stands and to wait for Marylynne to take part in discussion about this at the next meeting.

4.2.1 Additional

Debra Taylor reminded the committee that policies expire on June 30th; she suggests that the entire slate of policies that have not been addressed be put on the agenda for the WCUUSD Board to consider at the meeting later this month. Chris McVeigh will contact Debra Taylor to clarify this plan to prepare for the WCUUSD board.

5. Future Agenda Items

School Choice (6.30.20), C7 Student Attendance (in the fall after guidance from the state), C20 Student Conduct and Discipline, C46 Interrogation or Searches of Students by Law Enforcement or Other Non-School Personnel, C49 Kindergarten Entrance

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Stoudt, Committee Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 4:30 pm

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