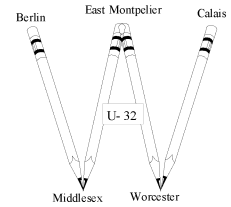


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WCUUSD Policy Committee Approved Minutes 5.12.20 4:30-6:30 pm

Via Video Conference*

approved 5-19-20

Present: Chris McVeigh (Chair), Marylynne Strachan, Jody Emerson, Jaiel Pulskamp, Ellen Knoedler, Aaron Boynton, Dorothy Naylor, Debra Taylor, and Scott Thompson

1. Call to Order: Jaiel Pulskamp called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes of 5.6.20 – **Jaiel Pulskamp moved to approve the minutes from May 6, 2020. Seconded by Dorothy Naylor , this motion carried unanimously.**
3. Discuss Committee Meeting Schedule: Marylynne Strachan expressed concern about the meeting schedule. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of separating the meetings or conducting them during the carousel. The committee decided to meet every Tuesday, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. until finished in June. Upcoming meetings Tuesday May 19, 2020 and May 26, 2020.
4. New Proposed Policy
 - 4.1 School Choice - Committee discussed current school choice and schedule at U-32. Debra Taylor said the earliest at the elementary would be 2021, but transportation and equity would be a factor. Debra Taylor suggested developing parameters for a parent survey. Chris McVeigh said transportation would be the biggest issue to address due to the cost associated with it. Debra Taylor suggested creating a rough estimate of cost. Dorothy Naylor wanted transportation to be included for equity. Jaiel Pulskamp would ask how many people wanted school choice and how many would need transportation. Chris asked about a lottery system. Debra Taylor and Dorothy Naylor agreed. Ellen Knoedler suggested school choice and transportation needs would change from year to year, and a Feb/March deadline was not enough time to arrange childcare. Debra Taylor said before and

after care at school could be provided. Committee discussed choices for all 5 elementary schools based on family preference. Jaiel Pulskamp was concerned with numbers and emissions. Debra Taylor suggested vans for efficiency. Marylynn Strachan was concerned with the cost of transportation and if vans helped with cost containment. Debra Taylor described how the high school has organized bussing from neighboring towns from a central location and suggested getting an estimate for routes. Debra Taylor said slots would be based on a percentage of enrollment, and not the same number for every school. All schools have space but some have larger class sizes than others. Jody Emerson explained how U-32 handled school choice.

Chris McVeigh asked for a summary of survey topics and target audience. Are you interested in school choice? Would you use school transportation and why are you interested? Debra Taylor suggested a second set of questions for community members, explained the difference between redistricting vs. school choice, and said there would always be 100% room for residents of each town and limited room for students of other towns. Debra Taylor said giving families options is democratic and with steady enrollment, school closure is not an issue at this point. Chris McVeigh asked if setting a minimum number is viable. Debra Taylor said a percentage would be more equitable. Dorothy Naylor suggested a percentage of a 3 year average. Debra Taylor will work with Dorothy Naylor to draft a survey and send it to the committee for feedback. Would you apply for school choice why/whynot? Would you apply for transportation? why or why not. What program at another school is drawing your interest?

5. Review Existing Policies

5.1 Section C – Students

5.1.1 Current

C10 & C10P - Chris McVeigh asked for comments. The committee discussed the Vermont constitution vs federal protections. Debra Taylor said case law informs application and can check on the reference. Chris McVeigh asked about the definition of bullying “repeated over time” and time limits. The committee explored the definition and the procedure. Jody Emerson and Aaron Boynton said the policy is clear and they receive regular training. Chris McVeigh suggested moving this to the full board for adoption as is, unless he heard about the VT constitution.

C11 - Aaron Boynton doesn't use much but Jody Emerson had. Debra Taylor said it required policy. Chris McVeigh referenced the VT constitution and recommended re-adoption for C11 to the full board.

C20 - Student conduct and discipline - No questions. Jody Emerson had no concerns. Aaron Boynton said it was good. Chris McVeigh asked about suspension. The board

discussed the process of suspension, and the outcomes. Jody Emerson explained restorative practices, and alternatives to suspension whenever possible. It was suggested to fix the language to be more restorative. Debra Taylor suggested they take it off the table for now, and work at the next meeting. Jody Emerson will work on draft language.

C21 - Search and Seizure - Jody Emerson had no issues and Aaron Boynton agreed. Chris McVeigh asked about referrals and guidelines. Jody Emerson explained how search and seizure worked. Scott Thompson asked about student cell phones and Jody Emerson explained the process. Debra said not required and would not recommend including it. Nothing invasive. Specific area of school. Jaiel concern of trauma for elementary students. Debra relies on administrators' understanding of child development. Marylynne asked about the education component. Chris McVeigh asked about clothing and the committee discussed the subject. Debra Taylor and Chris McVeigh will work on the wording.

C30 - Student Medication - Fine

C32 - 18 year old Students - Chris McVeigh asked about parent consent and Jody Emerson shared the process. This will go on to the full board.

6. Future Agenda Items - C20 - Student conduct and discipline - work on adding restorative language into the policy. Jody Emerson will work on the draft language. Chris McVeigh and Debra Taylor will work on the language for C21.

7. Adjourned by consensus at 6:29 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Tofel Murray

***Open Meeting Law temporary changes as of 3/30/20:**

Boards are not required to designate a physical meeting location. Board members and staff are not required to be present at a designated meeting location.

Our building will not be open for meetings. All are welcome to attend virtually.