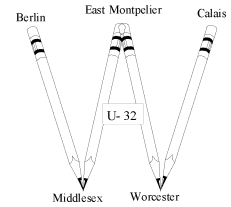


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## **WCUUSD Policy Committee Approved Meeting Minutes 5.6.20 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

### **Via Video Conference\***

**Present:** Marylynne Strachan, Jody Emerson, Townes DeGroot, Jaiel Pulskamp, Aaron Boynton, Chris McVeigh

1. **Call to Order:** Chris McVeigh called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. **Approve Minutes of 4.1.20:** Marylynne Strachan moved to approve the minutes of April 1, 2020. Seconded by Jaiel Pulskamp, this motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Further Review Requested**

3.1 **B3 Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace:** Committee members discussed the full board's feedback about the policy. They reviewed the edits that had been made in response to the board meeting. Committee members felt that the edits were appropriate. Townes stated that he thinks some of the language is vague around "under the influence," but that he doesn't have huge concerns about the policy draft. Jody Emerson clarified that when the policy refers to a person under the influence "being removed" it means that they are removed at that time; this does not infer a long term removal from their job.

Chris McVeigh asked, do we look at this as a "zero tolerance" policy? Marylynne Strachan - yes, of non-prescribed substances. Chris McVeigh - suggested bringing the "illegal drug" verbiage from an earlier iteration. Some discussion followed around the definition of "under the influence." Jaiel Pulskamp suggested substituting "non-prescribed" for "illegal" in the policy.

The committee agreed to bring this iteration of the policy to the WCUUSD board.

### **4. Review Existing Policies**

#### **4.1 Section C – Students**

**C2 Student Alcohol and Drugs:** Chris McVeigh had added some language about the educational component as the committee had discussed previously. Jody Emerson stated that it is illegal, by statute, to have marijuana on the school campus.

He reviewed the language that he had proposed around the educational component. Jody Emerson and Aaron Boynton reviewed some of the programs/ curriculum that are currently in place for drug and alcohol awareness. The language that the committee agreed on to add (after definitions): "Since education is an essential element to discourage inappropriate alcohol and drug use, the superintendent shall report to the board during its regularly scheduled June meeting, what efforts in the district fulfill this developmentally appropriate educational goal, at each of the district's schools."

**C3 Transportation:** Kelly Bushey explained that transportation is a conversation/ decision that occurs at the IEP level, unique to each student. Chris McVeigh asked how often the issue of transportation is discussed at the IEP level. Kelly Bushey indicated, not often, maybe once or twice a year across the district, aside from the instances when students attend an alternative setting. Committee members are satisfied with this policy as it stands.

**C5 Weapons Firearms:** Marylynn Strachan asked administrators and teachers whether they feel that there are any parts of this policy that need to be strengthened. Some discussion followed and the committee agreed that this policy is fine as it stands.

**C6 Home Study Students:** This policy is fine as it is written.

**C7 Student Attendance:** Marylynn Strachan asked, when do these policies sunset? (July 1st) Is this a policy we should wait to address, given the potential for continued distance learning? Aaron Boynton stated that we are getting direction from the state, and we are using their guidelines - he cautions against approaching changing policies to cater to this unique COVID experience. The committee agreed to keep this policy as written.

**C8 Pupil Privacy Rights:** no comments/ no changes suggested

## 5. Future Agenda Items

### 5.1 School Choice Policy Discussion

Marylynn Strachan stated that she finds it hard to have Policy Committee meetings as part of the carousel meetings. The committee agreed to send a survey around to find a date and time to hold a 2 hour Policy Committee meeting.

**6. Adjourn:** The committee adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Stoudt, Committee Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 4:30 pm**

**\*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.**