



**Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

Attendees: Dr. William McKersie, Suzanne Volpe, Esq. (Keane and Beane), Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang, Alex Dal Piaz, Melissa Szymanski, Maureen Caraballo

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m.

Dr. Mc Kersie started the meeting and said that he would facilitate the meeting recognizing it is a board meeting. The minutes from last year were acknowledged.

Suzanne Volpe presented an overview of the NYSSBA policy audit that was done last year. She explained to the group how NYSSBA broke them down. The suggested revisions provided by NYSSBA were the key area of focus. A discussion of flagged policies occurred within the context of the Policy Committee meetings. This was done largely chronologically. The complete presentation can be found [here](#).

Suzanne reviewed the last memo given to the District in May 2021, she updated the group on what was suggested in that last policy update. An example that was discussed was the Taping of Conversations policy.

Dr. Lang spoke about the process for selecting and updating policies. She wants us to stay student-focused in terms of the policy process. She asked Dr. McKersie his thoughts on how we should go about the process. Alex expressed he thinks simplicity to the process was important.

Suzanne said the charge of the committee is to include voice in the policies from the Board of Education perspective as well. It was discussed that there is a need to be both effective and efficient in our discussions. Minutes will initially be shared with the policy committee. Once approved, they will be shared publicly.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.