



**Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

Attendees: Dr. William McKersie, Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang, Alexander Dal Piaz, Doreen Bucher, Melissa Szymanski, Maureen Caraballo

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM by Melissa Szymanski. Dr. McKersie will be a few minutes late. Melissa went over today's agenda, we will begin with a continuation of discussion of the revised DEI policy. Melissa Szymanski and Jenice Mateo-Toledo reviewed and made substantive changes that have been also reviewed by counsel. We will also review Policy Nos. 2000, Sample Policy No. 2100 and Policy 2110.

Melissa briefly reviewed the revisions that were made to the DEI policy by her and Jenice. Alex commented that he feels that the subpoints under the headings that have been added under Principles of Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education section as part of the revision are too prescriptive to be included in the policy. Committee discussed this point and agreed to remove the bullet points and substitute with descriptors from the executive summary from the NYSED Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework. Melissa Szymanski to make the requested changes to the above noted section, once revised the committee has agreed to bring the policy forward for a 1st read at the January 24, 2022 Board of Education meeting.

The committee continued the meeting with the discussion of NYSSBA Sample Policy 2100 - School Board Legal Status. Alex read the sample policy 2100 provided by NYSSBA. The Board discussed the differences between the sample and our current Policy No. 2110 - District and Board of Education Legal Status and Authority and agreed that we should add that we are a 7 member Board as noted in the sample policy. Committee agreed to replace 2110 with the language from Policy 2100 sample provided by NYSSBA. Will show both policies on the BOE agenda for first read, adding the note would replace (policy number and name).

Committee briefly reviewed and discussed Policy No. 2000 - School Board Governance and Operation. It was agreed by the committee members that since it is not a required policy that they do not wish to adopt it at this time.

Committee reviewed and approved the minutes for the December 15, 2021 Policy Committee meeting.

Next meeting on February 16, 2022:

- To be determined
 - Dr. McKersie will check with Suzanne Volpe as to which policies will be reviewed next.
 - Melissa DeLaBarrera to check NYSSBA for any new required policies.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM.

Melissa DeLaBarrera

Submitted by:

Melissa DeLaBarrera

District Clerk