

Manchester Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy Committee Minutes
June 10, 2019
5:30 PM
Lincoln Center - Director's Room

Members Present: Deb Hagenow, Scott Hughes, Melanie Stefanowicz
Others Present: Matt Geary, Katelyn Miner, MHS Students

The meeting began at 5:35 p.m.

The committee discussed the cover letter for the Board of Education Self Evaluation. The committee recommends that the letter and Board of Education Self Evaluation document be entered into the record at the next Board of Education meeting.

[Draft Letter](#)

The committee reviewed the Equity Policy of the Seattle Public Schools. Feedback from the Equity Informed School Climate Assessment indicated that the Board of Education should address policies and practices that have been shown to be inequitable and an equity policy would offer a format for doing that. The Superintendent will draft policy language and bring back to the committee at its next meeting.

[Seattle Public Schools Equity Policy](#)

The committee heard from Mrs. Miner and 2 students in attendance regarding the dress code at Manchester High School. Specifically, the request is to delete the line in the current dress code that disallows head coverings. Hoods would continue not to be allowed on during the school day and a note about hoods has been added to the draft dress code. The committee recommended that consideration of this change be placed on the full Board of Education agenda for a first reading.

[Manchester Public Schools Dress Code](#)

The committee discussed the Gifts, Grants and Bequests Policy. The revision grants the Superintendent permission to allow employees to engage in crowdfunding activities (e.g. the use of websites or applications such as Donors Choose, Kickstarter, GoFundMe, etc.) as appropriate. The committee recommended that consideration of this change be placed on the full Board of Education agenda for a first reading.

[Educator Innovation Fund Guiding Questions](#)

[Gifts, Grants, and Bequests](#)

The committee discussed the Volunteers policy. The revision replaces the requirement that volunteers have a background check every 3 years with a one time background check which is similar to what employees experience. The committee recommended that consideration of this change be placed on the full Board of Education agenda for a first reading.

[Volunteers](#)

The meeting adjourned at 6:25

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Geary