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Addison Central School District

Policy Committee

Committee Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2023, 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

208 Charles Avenue, Middlebury VT & Virtual Connection

ACSD District Vision and Mission

OUR VISION

Our vision is for all ACSD students to reach their full learning potential, have a sense of belonging in our schools, and enrich our community and the communities where they live in the future.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide high-quality, equitable, and varied learning environments that inspire a passion for learning and growth among our students.

1. Call to Order Upon Reaching a Quorum
Suzanne calls the meeting to order at 6:20pm.
2. Introductions - Board Members, Administrators and Staff
Dr. Williams, Jamie McCallum, Joanna Doria, Suzanne Buck, Lindsey Hescock
3. Public Comment - Agenda Items none
4. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of 10/23/2023 Lindsey
abstains (she arrived after the motion passed.)
Move: Jamie McCallum Second: Suzanne Buck Status: Passed

A. Committee Discussion:

1. C9- Model Local Wellness Policy

Suzanne informs the committee that the AOE has released a new wellness policy and is requiring boards to adopt it. She is uncertain of the timeline. There are two ways to approach the adoption, both ways require us to retire our current C9 and adopt the new one. One way: in the "blank" section "Other School-based Activities to Promote Student Wellness" we would say "refer to

the comprehensive health education” section. The other option is to form a team to add more “original content” to the school-based student wellness section.

Joanna would like to back up and wonders why we didn’t have any A policies on this agenda. Suzanne clarifies that the Wellness Policy is urgent, so it takes president. We refer back to last month’s meeting and remember the three policies we would like to advance to the full board for a first read: A22 and A23, and A1 with clarification of the procedure language.

Suzanne wonders what we want to do with the Wellness Policy. Jamie asks about how this came to her attention. Suzanne clarifies that this will be mandated later this spring/summer but it is not required now. Jamie suggests a committee member refer to our C9 and identify important pieces in that we do not want to lose when we retire that policy. We can ask our attorney to vet the new additions. Dr. Williams suggests that we make those additions extremely clear. We return back to the original question: how do we want to approach this model policy? Adopt it with the 3 goals or ask a small administrative team to add more to that section? In the last remaining minutes of the meeting, there seems to be consensus to ask Dr. Williams to form a team to take a look and refer back to C9 and consider possible additions.

2. E20 - Community Use of School Facilities

We need to table discussion on this policy due to the time. We did find the correct link to the new VSBA policy:

https://www.vtvsba.org/files/ugd/b44bfd_db278eb6814f4aa595cd05d963532c9b.pdf

3. Public Comment - Any Topic

Mary Slosar, Weybridge, comments on the enforceability of the new AOE wellness policy versus our C9. She thinks the language in new policy is better equipped for accountability measures. That is positive. She also highlights that there is a regular and on-going practice at MUMS to reward students with candy which is in direct conflict with language in the new policy. Lastly, she encourages the committee to consider the opportunity to develop and put into place mechanisms that offer assurances for reporting and accountability.

4. Adjournment Adjourned at 6:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Doria

Move: Jamie McCallum Second: Lindsey Hescock Status: Passed

***Public Comment Guidelines:**

Public comments are encouraged and welcome at each regular board meeting during the period designated for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Citizens will be called to make their statement by the board chair. Public comments regarding personnel, students or legal matters will not be heard by the Board.

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