

Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2023  
2:30PM

Present: Emily Berry, Donel Beals, Kari MacRae (via zoom), Kerri Anne Quinlan Zhou

Discussion:

Policy JIC – needed to be updated to follow the law. Last Spring, Erin made updates and discussion was held by previous policy subcommittee members. We discussed the fact that the policy needs to match the student handbooks. We agree that updates to JIC are adequate and we are going to send policy to Colby for final review. Once reviewed by Colby, we will take a full committee vote at October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*Subcommittee recommends for a vote to amend policy by the full committee.

Policy AC – This was updated in the Spring by past policy subcommittee members. New verbiage was added related to Chapter 117, Acts of 2022

Acts of 2022, Chapter 117 (\*race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, hair length and protective hairstyles.)

\*Subcommittee recommends for a vote to amend policy by the full school committee

Policy AC-R – Related to policy AC, updates were made in the Spring by past subcommittee members. Handbooks have already been updated to match this policy

\*Subcommittee recommends a vote to approve new policy by the full school committee

Policy KCD – Our current policy allows the superintendent to accept gifts given to the district. However, state law mandates the school committee accepts all gifts. We discussed that some gifts are small and would not need to be presented to the SC. We also discussed The subcommittee recommends further investigation into this policy. Emily will research what is being done in other districts.

Financial policies – MASC has provided a list of financial policies for updating. These will be sent to Budget and Facilities subcommittee for initial approval before being sent to full committee for a vote.

ADDA Background Checks – most school districts, including Bourne, do a background check using CORI but are not taking the further step to check for sex offenders using SORIs. This is recommended to be completed for all volunteers and staff members. Kerri Anne will research the process to create a new policy to include SORI's when background checks are being completed. CORI is MA only, fingerprinting is done for employees but not for volunteers. SORI is federal and would provide the information that would typically be provided by fingerprinting.

Next policy sub meeting will be October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm  
Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm