

**GROTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12 2024 @ 6:00 P.M. via Zoom**

Members Remote: Matthew Shulman, Ian Thomas, Beverly Washington

Also Remote: Susan Austin, Matt Brown, Denise Doolittle, Kristina Roberge

Shulman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes: Tuesday February 13, 2024.

2. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action P 5141 5 P Suicide Prevention Intervention.

The committee discussed the policy and made a few adjustments. The policy will go to the full Board for first read.

3. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action P 3542.43 Food Service – Charging Policy.

This policy was postponed until the next policy meeting.

b. Discussion and possible action P 6146 Graduation.

The committee discussed the policy and made a few adjustments. The policy will go to the full Board for first read.

c. Discussion and possible action P 3313.1 Local Purchasing

This policy was postponed until the next policy meeting.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Erica Crider

From: Erica Crider
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:22 AM
To: Ian Thomas; Shulman, Matthew; Susan Austin; Denise Doolittle
Subject: RE: 5141.5 Suicide Prevention Intervention Alternative
Attachments: 5141 5 P Suicide Prevention Intervention.pdf

Good morning,

It's me this week. I've had oddities with my PC for the last week. The change is already in the word version and not the PDF. I've resaved it, checked it and the wording seems to be there now. We have tried the word way, the google way and it didn't go well at all. I'm always willing to try and improve the process.

I will add this email to the minutes.

Erica

From: Ian Thomas <IThomas@groton.k12.ct.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:41 AM
To: Shulman, Matthew <mshulman@groton.k12.ct.us>; Erica Crider <ecrider@groton.k12.ct.us>; Susan Austin <saustin@groton.k12.ct.us>; Denise Doolittle <ddoolittle@groton.k12.ct.us>
Subject: Re: 5141.5 Suicide Prevention Intervention Alternative

Matthew –

Yes, I recall discussing that added language as well and, if memory serves correctly, we either voted in favor of it or there was a positive consensus on the matter. I believe the intent was to ensure that the assistant principal was included in the primary points of contact to ensure that someone from the administration of the school was available to handle the situations, should the principal not be reachable for whatever reason.

And, to be sure that we maintain compliance with FOI requirements, I would suggest that we include these emails in the minutes for the meeting, now that there has been some exchange that explicitly discusses language going into the policy. Also, I did leave Bev off of this response to avoid a full, unannounced “meeting” of the policy committee.

Moving forward, to avert this sort of situation, I would suggest that we adopt a method of being sure that we have a word document version of any given policy under review or subject to revision that one of us could share onscreen and to which we could make edits in real time, during the meeting, so that it would make Erica's job easier to finalize and put into the record.

I have an active version of Adobe Acrobat, so I would volunteer to be the one to do this for the next Policy Meeting, as a test run, to see if we can eliminate the need for these “after the fact” dialogues about the precise language discussed.

Thanks,
Ian

From: Shulman, Matthew <mshulman@groton.k12.ct.us>
Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 7:58 PM
To: Erica Crider <ecrider@groton.k12.ct.us>, Ian Thomas <IThomas@groton.k12.ct.us>, Beverly Washington

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Subject: Re: 5141.5 Suicide Prevention Intervention Alternative

Good evening everyone,

I just read the revised version of P-5141.5 and found one anomaly to what I thought we'd agreed upon.

In new paragraph three, I thought we were going to more clearly specify the event reporting path as follows,

" ... to the principal, assistant principal or their designee"

So, Bev and Ian: Would you kindly **contact me by return email ASAP** to indicate whether you are content with specifying that the assistant principal should be the primary person to whom reports should go in the event of a principal's absence?

Thank you.

Matthew

From: Erica Crider <ecrider@groton.k12.ct.us>

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:30 AM

To: Shulman, Matthew <mshulman@groton.k12.ct.us>; Ian Thomas <IThomas@groton.k12.ct.us>; Beverly Washington <bwashington@groton.k12.ct.us>; Susan Austin <saustin@groton.k12.ct.us>; Denise Doolittle <ddoolittle@groton.k12.ct.us>

Subject: RE: 5141.5 Suicide Prevention Intervention Alternative

Let's try this again. I misunderstood the changes that had to be made.

From: Erica Crider

Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:09 AM

To: Shulman, Matthew <mshulman@groton.k12.ct.us>; Ian Thomas <IThomas@groton.k12.ct.us>; Beverly Washington <bwashington@groton.k12.ct.us>; Susan Austin <saustin@groton.k12.ct.us>; Denise Doolittle <ddoolittle@groton.k12.ct.us>

Subject: 5141.5 Suicide Prevention Intervention Alternative

Good morning,

Attached is the amended Suicide Prevention Intervention policy. It will go for first read at the end of the month.

Erica

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