



Minutes of the EGSC Policy Committee

September 12, 2023

The Policy Committee met in the EGPS conference room at 111 Peirce Street from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

Present: Maggie Baker, Robert Brooks, Beth Cauley, Brian Ricca, Brianna Moody, Tim Munoz, Michael Podraza, Alyson Powell, Mary Ward

The Committee reviewed a first draft of a new policy # 5430, Arrest Disclosure. The new policy requires all EGPS employees and volunteers to disclose any arrest within five day to the Superintendent and Head of Human Resources, An existing policy # 5420, Criminal Background Check, required disclosure of any arrest as part of the hiring process, but did not cover the period of employment or service.

The Committee reviewed a first draft of a new policy #3120, Pricing Schedules. The new policy provides the School Committee with discretion to maintain an existing policy if attached pricing schedules, which may change year over year, do not change the fundamental terms and provisions of a current policy.

The Committee reviewed a first draft of a revised policy, # 2115, Fire Safety Drills. The revised policy reflects updated and new statutes requiring two lockdown drills each year, written reporting requirements for fire drills, carbon monoxide detection systems and protection for special needs students during fire drills.

The Committee reviewed a first draft of a revised policy, #8315, Alcohol & Breathalyzer Use. The revised policy provides. EGPS with the ability to conduct randomized breathalyzer tests and to adopt universal breathalyzer tests if circumstances warrant, while safeguarding the rights and privacy needs of all students and ensuring that special needs students have appropriate accommodations and protections.

The Committee reviewed a first draft of a revised policy #1150, School Improvement Teams (SITs). The revised policy clarifies annual reporting responsibilities for the Superintendent to the SC on the activities and plans of SITs, the approval of SIT members and the inclusion of SEAC members on SITs.

The Committee agreed to the proposed repeal of a group of redundant or obsolete Policies, including # 1130, Guide to RI Laws on Open Meetings; # 1135, Strategic Plan; # 1140, Selection of Ad Hoc Committees; # 8710, Early Admission to College.

The Committee agreed to move ahead with a proposed restructuring of the Policy Manual, in order to place policies in more discrete groups and to create a more intuitive, user-friendly search experience.

Minutes submitted by Policy Chair Tim Munoz