Minutes of the EGSC Policy Committee
December 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 the 2023-24 Policy Scorecard to track progress against defined objectives and to set priorities for the coming months.

The Committee reviewed the possible repeal of three policies: 5120, School Department Acknowledgment of Service (describes a procedure, does not meet criteria for a policy); 5210, Teacher Evaluation Process (determined as part of each Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the educators); and 5215, Staff Attendance (also part of the CBA). The Committee agreed to recommend all three policies for repeal to the School Committee.

The Committee reviewed a third draft of a revised policy 9230, Guide for Use/Abandonment of Buildings. The policy will be revised to provide a representative list of fixtures that EGPS might retain following the decommissioning of a school building under the “care, control and management” charge from RIGL. The Committee will review a final draft at its next meeting before forwarding to the School Committee as a First Read.

The Committee reviewed a second draft of a revised policy 7120, Curriculum. The Committee discussed the opportunity to include in the policy an annual curriculum review that would incorporate both an examination of the full K-12 curriculum, pathways, course listings, etc. as well as consideration of the effectiveness of the curriculum, measured by standardized test scores, surveys and other evidence-based inputs. The Committee also discussed inputs from SEAC to make clear the legal responsibilities of EGPS to provide both accommodations and modifications to the curriculum for students with IEPs and to define pathways for alternatively assessed students. The Committee will review a third draft at its next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Policy Chair Tim Munoz