East Greenwich School Committee
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
8:00 am – 10:00 am
EGPS Administrative Offices, 111 Peirce Street, East Greenwich

Present: Maggie Baker, Nicole Bucka, Brianna Moody, Tim Munoz, Brian Ricca, Mary Ward

The Committee reviewed its Policy Development Tools, including the Policy Status Report, Policy Revision Worksheet, School Committee Cover Notes and Annual Goals.

On the recommendation of legal counsel, the Committee discussed the need to develop a new policy on Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it pertains to student classwork and homework. As a next step, the Superintendent will consult with faculty at the beginning of the school year and report back to the Committee on how AI is being used by students and teachers and what the relevant areas are that a new policy should address.

The Committee agreed to draft a new policy that will allow existing policies that have attached pricing schedules or timetables to remain in place without the entire policy being revised, at the discretion of the Committee, if pricing or timing does not represent a material change to the policy.

The Committee reviewed to revise Policy # 5310, Administrator Contracts, and agreed to submit it to the School Committee as a First Read.

The Committee discussed potential revisions to Policy # 7210, Curriculum, and agreed to make revisions at the next Policy meeting to achieve three goals: 1) ensure that the policy applies to the entire K-12 curriculum and not just to the High School Program of Studies; 2) ensure that the K-12 curriculum is clearly aligned with the Vision of a Graduate and that coursework and school activities are addressing the full range of academic, social and emotional needs of students; 3) ensure that curriculum is in full compliance with IDEA and the RI BEP, supports the Strategic Plan mandate of "All Means All" and identifies pathways for all students, especially fin the area of Special Education.

The Committee reviewed the list of aging policies, i.e., policies that have not been revised since 2015, and the Chair informed the Committee that SC legal counsel is preparing a recommendation for all the aging policies, specifying whether they no longer are required by law, need to be updated based on changes to the law, or remain at the discretion of the Committee to revise, leave in place or drop.

Minutes submitted by Policy Subcommittee Chair Tim Munoz