

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, July 12, 2024, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of April 5, 2024.

Review Policies AC (Non-Discrimination including Harassment and Retaliation), ACA (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex), ACAB (Harassment), and ACE (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability) and any other Policies Related to Title IX

- This item is tabled until next meeting.

Review Policy ADF (District Wellness Policy)

- Dr. Ahern went through the district handbook looking to see if there are any policies that needed to be looked at. She did not see anything other than the Title IX policy. She was hoping to have an updated policy from Michael Joyce, but does not. The only other policy is the ADF (District Wellness) policy. She is not suggesting any changes to this policy. The District Wellness Committee has been looking at the procedures and would like the procedures to be more restrictive. She wants to be sure that the School Committee will support that. Her suggestion to the Wellness Committee was to put together an assessment around compliance of the Wellness Policy. There is supposed to be a summary report every three years from the Wellness Committee and she would like to hold the Committee to having this report.
- Mr. Goode asked what the Committee is trying to restrict. Dr. Ahern stated they try to discourage food based celebrations. The restriction proposed is to prohibit food based celebrations.
- Mr. Goode stated he would not be in favor of banning food celebrations.
- Ms. Bent stated she has mixed feelings.
- Dr. Ahern stated the current language is around non- food celebrations with no outside food and limiting celebration to one per month. Dave Badot is willing to help with this.
- Dr. Ahern wanted to make sure the Committee is supportive of the Wellness Committee's direction. She thinks there is a good policy in place. She can give the Wellness Coordinators some direction.
- Ms. Bent would like to receive a report from the Wellness Committee.
- Dr. Ahern stated the Committee could have the report at end of year or early spring for a vote before the end of the school year.

Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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