

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, April 5, 2024, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Jane Moynihan, Kristen Harmon, and Jen Kruczek. Jim Hardy was not present.

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 March 8, 2024.

### **Review Policy IMG (Animals in Schools)**

#### **Review Policy IMG (Service Animals in Schools)**

- Dr. Ahern stated having two policies makes sense given there is a difference between having animals in schools and having service animals in schools.
- The Committee reviewed the MASC suggested policies.
- Ms. Bent stated the Committee would rename the current IMG policy and add the IMG policy to the Barnstable manual.
- Dr. Ahern likes the Barnstable policy for IMG better than the MASC policy because it is more specific. There are elements of both policies that she likes.
- Ms. Bent likes the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraphs of the MASC Policy in IMG and added them to Barnstable policy. They added 14 C language in the Barnstable policy from MASC policy IMG and removed repetitive language in the Barnstable policy.
- The Barnstable IMG policy was changed to IMG.
- Ms. Bent asked if teachers share with families if there are animals in the classroom. Dr. Ahern stated she was not sure, but would check.
- The Committee will use the MASC IMG Policy.

### **Review Policy IJL (Library Materials Selection and Adoption)**

- The Committee added the references from the MASC policy.
- The Committee agreed to remove the information in other policies and add the cross reference to the policy: IJNDB, GBEE, IJNDC, JICJ, IJND.
- The Committee agreed to keep the Barnstable policy rather than the MASC policy, but to use parts of the MASC policy.
- The Committee discussed the procedure for handling challenged or questioned books and materials. They changed the language to have the Superintendent appointing the Committee. They added "The Committee makes a recommendation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent has final decision." They removed having a second administrator, added a School Committee member, removed the students, and added an additional parent to have 3 instead of 2 on the review Committee. They changed to have the principal and not the librarian meet with the patron making the complaint. They used the MASC criteria for selection of library materials.

### **Next Steps**

- Dr. Ahern stated from the tiered focused monitoring review, there might be some suggested policy changes.
- The Committee's next meeting will be May 10.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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