

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, February 9, 2024, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Jane Moynihan, Noreen Jones, and Jim Hardy. Kristen Harmon and Jen Kruczek were not present.

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

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Dr. Ahern, seconded by Mr. Goode, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of January 12, 2024.

Previous Policies

- The Committee had received no feedback on these policies

Review Policies for the MASC Policy Updates of March 2023, August/September 2023, and December 2023

- Ms. Bent stated Noreen Jones was at the meeting to discuss the technology policies.
 - GBEE
 - Dr. Ahern had Ms. Jones look at two of the polices and the others she sent to Bethann Orr, Amy Whitman Wade, and Shawn Wenzel. Both Ms. Jones and Ms. Whitman Wade looked at this policy. Ms. Jones suggested adding Barnstable in front of School Committee. In second paragraph, Ms. Whitman Wade suggested expanding digital resources, the sentence about personal communication be removed, and after district business add “or acting as a representative of the BPS.” IJNDD is the Social Media policy that would cover the next section.
 - Ms. Jones stated with the social media archive, all the communication is saved. She was at BIS and the teacher had TikToc with her lessons on it. That is not an archivable social media platform. Ms. Bent stated the district needs to make sure there is an approval process for social media accounts. Dr. Ahern stated there should be procedures and guidance on acceptable platforms for staff to use. She will work with Ms. Jones on the procedures and guidance. Dr. Ahern suggested deleting the language that is also in the Social Media policy.
 - The Committee agreed with the changes.
 - KDCB
 - Ms. Jones suggested adding Barnstable in the first paragraph. She stated in the second paragraph, it states that all comments should be turned off. She has a concern with that. On social media, people make comments. The Committee discussed. The language about comments was removed. The Committee agreed with the changes.
 - IJNDB
 - Ms. Bent liked the suggestion to add “utilized BPS digital resources language” suggested by Ms. Whitman Wade.
 - Dr. Ahern stated Barnstable currently has an IJNDB policy. Dr. Ahern stated Ms. Orr’s guidelines are more inclusive that what the current Barnstable policies state. There is a movement to streamline policies and move the procedures out of the policies.
 - The Committee reviewed both and decided to replace the old policy with the updated one from MASC including the policy name change.
 - IJNDC
 - Dr. Ahern stated the Barnstable document is outdated. There might by duplicate information in multiple policies as Barnstable aligns with MASC’s updated policies. She would suggest using the MASC updated policy, but change “Director of Technology” to “BPS Technologies Department.” The Committee agreed with the changes.
 - JICJ
 - Dr. Ahern stated this is a new policy that the district does not have. She suggested adding “Responsible Use Procedures” before Code of Conduct in third paragraph. The Committee agreed with the changes.
 - KDC
 - Dr. Ahern stated this is a new policy from MASC. The Committee agreed to add this policy.
 - Dr. Ahern stated in looking at December 2023 newsletter, this Committee has covered all the technology policies. There are two school meals policies.

- EFC
 - Mr. Hardy stated this is the Universal Free School Meals policy. Families still need to fill out the free and reduced lunch form to see which account it is charged to. This policy would replace the Free and Reduced Lunch Policy (EFC).
 - Dr. Ahern suggested, in the second bullet, adding more detail. The Committee agreed.
- EFD
 - Dr. Ahern stated the district has this policy, but it does not speak to free lunch for all students. The Committee will want to take more time to compare them. She will send policies EFC and EFD to Dave Badot for the next meeting.

Next Steps

- Ms. Bent stated the next meetings will be March 8 and April 5 at 1:00PM.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:33PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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