

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, January 12, 2024, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, Jane Moynihan, Liz Freedman, Jim Hardy, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:01PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Dr. Ahern, seconded by Mr. Goode, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of December 8, 2023.

Review Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements)

- Dr. Ahern stated there are no recommended changes to the policy, but she wanted a discussion as it relates to issues coming up at the high school. Students can earn two credits in 8th grade and seven credits in each of their four years grades 9-12. Students could enroll part time their senior year for English and Math. There is no language about the expectation of a full class load in senior year. Students are expected to enroll on a full time basis with a full case load in their senior year.
- Ms. Freedman agreed having language will help.
- The Committee discussed adding language to the policy.
- Dr. Ahern spoke about having better language in the high school handbook around dual enrollment. Topics include having an application process, the number of courses the students need to take at the college, and what courses would be appropriate for the students to take at the college. She would like to put language in the Program of Studies and handbooks. In regards to adding graduation requirements, Ms. Freedman would like to have that conversation, but is not there yet.
- Ms. Bent thought the School Committee should approve the additional language around being fully enrolled in the Program of Studies at the February School Committee meeting.
- Dr. Ahern stated she wants to create guidance or limitations for Edgenuity courses similar to dual enrollment.
- There were no changes to Policy IKF.

Review Policy IHBH (Alternative Learning Programs)

- Dr. Ahern has no suggestions for language changes. There are two programs: Project Excel and the ACE Program. Project Excel has evolved unintentionally with dual enrollment housed under the program. She is looking to remove it from that program and then the program would adhere to this policy.
- There were no changes to Policy IHBH.

Review Policies BEDH and BEDH-E

- Ms. Bent stated these two policies had conflicting information.
- Dr. Ahern stated Policy BEDH-E could be deleted.
- Mr. Hardy stated Policy BEDH-E has the statute. The Committee could just change the 20 minutes to 30 minutes.
- The Committee changed BEDH-E in number 1 to “not to exceed 30 minutes.”

Review Policy EFE

- Dr. Ahern stated this is a new policy with a new procedure and is required. The Committee reviewed the MASC policy and changed the first sentence to “Barnstable Schools.”

Review Policy JIC

- Dr. Ahern stated she had input from Attorney Michael Joyce. The district is adding additional student discipline procedures in the handbooks. Mr. Joyce is suggesting the district clarifies what is in the note at the end of the policy. The Committee agreed to the language Mr. Joyce suggested.

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

- Ms. Bent suggested reviewing the policy updates in reverse order and starting with December 2023.
- Mr. Hardy stated Policy EHB is new and required. Some of the others are new or updates.
 - **BHE** – Dr. Ahern stated Barnstable’s current policy is in line with the recommended update.
 - **EHAA** – Mr. Hardy stated this policy protects the district against data breaches, especially with online payment. Ms. Bent stated this policy should be added to the district’s policies.
 - **EHB** – Mr. Hardy stated this is an update to records retention. The Committee agreed to add this policy.

- **GBEE** – Mr. Hardy stated this updated older language. The Committee discussed the current policies vs. this new policy. Ms. Bent suggested looking at Barnstable’s policies and comparing them to this policy next meeting. The Committee agreed.
- **KDCB** – Mr. Hardy stated district’s either allow comments or not on social media. Dr. Ahern stated she might have Noreen Jones attend the next meeting in regards to this policy.

Next Steps

- Ms. Bent stated the next meeting will be February 9 at 1:00PM. The Committee will discuss the technology policies and invite Noreen Jones to attend.

Motion by Ms. Bent, seconded by Mr. Goode, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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