

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, December 8, 2023, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, Jane Moynihan, Sandy Gifford, Jim Hardy, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:02PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Ms. Moynihan, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of September 22, 2023.

### **Review Policy EEAB (Preschool, Kindergarten, And Special Needs Students (As Identified) - Bus Policy and Procedure)**

- Ms. Bent asked if Special Needs parents can opt in instead of opt-out of this policy.
- Dr. Ahern stated she spoke to the Special Education Directors about this and asked Sandy Gifford to be here to speak about this policy. She asked if the policy can be more flexible about police being notified.
- Ms. Gifford stated they do not like to call the police. Transportation receives forms from the schools about students that are identified as Special Needs.
- Ms. Bent asked about adding a line about parents opting out for grades K-5 and parents can opt in grades 6-12. Mr. Goode stated that sounded complicated.
- Ms. Gifford stated when a student is assigned a monitor, the transportation page of the IEP is sent to Transportation and the child is not allowed off the bus without a parent/guardian. Transportation receives the information from the schools, so Eric Bruinooge and Catherine Zinni would need to speak with their teams.
- Ms. Bent suggested changing Special Needs Child to student with special needs (as identified by the IEP team). The Committee agreed.
- Ms. Moynihan asked when there is an opt-out who gets the paperwork. Ms. Gifford stated Transportation and the school.
- The Committee agreed under numbers 5, 6, and 7, to change the language that police will be notified to police may be notified.

### **Review Policy IHBG (Home Education)**

- Dr. Ahern suggested looking at the home education policies based on a parent conversation. The practice would be to not provide home education students with materials (books, Chromebooks, calculators, etc.) or ID badges. The policy does not discuss this subject.
- Ms. Bent asked what if the student is assigned to a class. Dr. Ahern stated the district does not have students who are home schooled taking classes at the schools. They might be provided access to a class, but they are not enrolled in the school.
- The Committee discussed a home school student coming to the high school for a class as a visitor due to an IEP.
- There were no changes made.

### **Review Policy IHBGA (Participation of Home Educated Students in Extra-Curricular Activities and on Barnstable Public Schools Athletic Teams)**

- Ms. Bent asked if curricular activity needs to added since this is only for extracurricular activities.
- Dr. Ahern stated the district does not have students participating in a curricular activity except for Special Education. Ms. Harmon stated the district has never had that request come in from a homeschool student.
- No changes were made.

### **Review Policy ECABA (Photo Identification Badges)**

- The Minutes will reflect that these policies were reviewed.
- Dr. Ahern suggested stating when policies are reviewed on the policy. The Committee agreed.

### **Review Policy KI (Visitors to Schools)**

- The Committee reviewed and there were no changes.

### **Review Policies for the MASC Policy Updates of March 2023 and August/September 2023**

- Ms. Bent stated there are still some issues with the updated policy manual online. Mr. Hardy and the Committee discussed updating the online manual.

### **Next Steps**

- Ms. Bent asked about a homework policy, stating the district used to have one and no longer does. Mr. Hardy stated the homework policy is usually in student handbooks and not in the School Committee Policy Manual.
- Dr. Ahern stated there are some new policies and some to be removed in the MASC updates. The Civil Rights EFE Policy is one that the district should pay attention to sooner rather than later.
- The Committee agreed to future meeting dates of January 12 and February 9.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:11PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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