

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, June 9, 2023, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, Jane Moynihan, and Jim Hardy.

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

Approval of Minutes

- Dr. Ahern requested a correction to the minutes Section J heading replaced with “Students.”
- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of May 19, 2023.

Review Policy IJNDD (Social Media).

- Ms. Bent stated Policy IJNDD was approved at the June 6, 2023 School Committee meeting.

Review Policy LB (Relations with Other Schools and School Districts)

- Ms. Bent stated this policy is being reviewed because of the recent letter from a parent whose child attends Cape Cod Academy and requested intervention by the School Committee regarding a discipline issue.
- Ms. Moynihan provided additional background and stated once approval is given for a private school there is no further oversight.
- Ms. Bent asked if a statement should be added to provide this information.
- Mr. Hardy stated some districts have two policies that separate relationships with other public schools and relationships specific to private schools (Policy LBC)
- The last two paragraphs under Private Schools were removed from the policy and will be included in a separate policy (LBC).

Creation of Policy LBC (Relations with Nonpublic Schools)

- The MASC policy was reviewed.
- The Committee added a statement that indicates once approval is given, there is no further oversight by the School Committee.

Continue Review of Policies in Section J (Students) of the School Committee Policy Manual

- ❖ JJE – Dr. Ahern stated there has been discussion of crowd funding activities in other districts and that most fundraising requests come from athletics. Most athletic requests go through the Booster Clubs. Barnstable and MASC policies were reviewed. The consensus of the Committee was to replace the Barnstable policy with the MASC policy, adding “Barnstable” in front of School Committee. Added BDEBD (Online Fundraising and Solicitations – Crowdfunding) to cross reference. Dr. Ahern will get additional input from the Athletic Director.
- ❖ JJF – (Student Activity Accounts) - Postponed to next meeting. Mr. Hardy stated graduating class funds and inactive student activities must be included in the policy. Chris Dwelley will be invited.
- ❖ JJH – ADDED - Student Late Night or Overnight Travel – Mr. Hardy stated this policy was needed to ensure travel that occurs overnight was in line with State law (on motorcoaches).
- ❖ JJH-R – ADDED – Mr. Hardy stated the regulations were needed per State law.
- ❖ JJIB – Paragraph 2, added “District” participation...; added Cross Reference to 603 CMR 26:06
- ❖ JJIF – (Athletic Concussion Policy) – Postponed to next meeting. Dr. Ahern stated the Athletic Trainer noted some inconsistencies between the policy and practices and that Dr. Rudman should be consulted.
- ❖ JJIF-R (Athletic Concussion Regulations) – Postponed to next meeting.
- ❖ JJJA – moved last paragraph after paragraph 1 (regarding interscholastic athletics not included per MIAA); removed his/her in item #1
- ❖ JK – No changes made. This policy was approved previously by the School Committee on March 15, 2023.
- ❖ JKA – no changes
- ❖ JKAA – No changes made. This policy was approved previously by the School Committee on February 3, 2021.
- ❖ JFK - The Committee will start with this policy next time.

Next Steps

- The Committee will continue reviewing the policies in section J.
- The Committee added June 30 to the summer meeting schedule: July 21 and August 18.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Bent, Chair