

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, October 14, 2022, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Chair Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, Jane Moynihan, Jim Hardy, Dave Anthony, and Jen Kruzcek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:03PM.

Review Policy IJOA-R (Field Trip Guidelines)

- Mr. Anthony stated that once it has been deemed to allow a field trip, he can figure it out how to insure it. The procedure process in the policy is very detailed.
- Ms. Bent stated the School Committee tries to keep the procedures out of policies. She would like the policy to have a balance of ability to update procedures as needed, with a little bit of structure.
- Ms. Bent defined what a field trip is in the first paragraph of the policy.
- The Committee discussed the number of days prior to the field trip that the teacher would need to get the approval of the principal. They decided 30 days with principals having the sole discretion to waive the 30 days. They discussed the field trip request form.
- Dr. Ahern stated sport team competitions would not need to complete a field trip request. They would need it to seek approval if it was extended travel or out of state. The Committee decided athletic events within Massachusetts are not covered by this policy.
- The Committee discussed if policy IJOA-R should be in the policy manual since it is a procedure. They discussed if the guidelines should be put in Policy IJOA. The Committee agreed to merge it into one policy: IJOA. The Committee discussed the extended travel guidelines.
- The Committee will look at this policy again next month.

Discuss potential Policy of Facility Use Procedures and Guidelines related to Sale of Alcohol on School Property

- Mr. Anthony stated MA general law allows School Committees to allow alcohol on the school premise after school hours.
- Dr. Ahern stated the Cape Cod Symphony did have a champagne toast in January 2020. It did not go well and they are not looking to do it again. The sole request to serve alcohol on school property at an event is by the rotary club to have wine tasting at the Home and Garden Show.
- Ms. Bent stated she has an ethical issue with having a policy that contradicts what is expected from the students. There could be underage students at the event. She does not like the perception of having alcohol at the event.
- Mr. Goode stated he has gone to this event and it is packed. It is another vendor paying the home and garden show. He would say no.
- Mr. Anthony would say no. Dr. Ahern thinks it is easier to say no for the optics. Ms. Harmon agreed with Dr. Ahern. Ms. Moynihan stated there are too many risks and no benefit.
- Ms. Bent stated the Committee discussed, in depth, at several meeting and at this time, they do not feel the need to have an alcohol policy in the School Committee Policy Manual.

Review Policy IMH (Emotional Support Dogs)

- The School Committee provided no feedback from their first read at the School Committee meeting.

Review Policy JH (Student Attendance)

- The School Committee provided no feedback from their first read at the School Committee meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- The Committee did not get to this agenda item.

Review Policy IJNDC (Internet Publication)

- The Committee did not get to this agenda item.

Review Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements)

- The Committee did not get to this agenda item.

Review of Policies in Section H (Negotiations) of the School Committee Policy Manual

- The Committee did not get to this agenda item.

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

- The Committee did not get to this agenda item.

Next Steps

- The Committee will go over the items they did not get to at this meeting and plan future meeting dates.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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