

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, February 11, 2022, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Chair Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Meg Mayo-Brown, Jane Moynihan, Dave Anthony, Alicia Bryant, Dr. Katie Rudman, Jim Hardy, and Jen Kruczek.

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

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Mayo-Brown, and the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of January 14, 2022.

Continue Review of Policies in Section E (Support Services) of the School Committee Policy Manual

- The Committee discussed the policies in Section E:
 - ❖ EEAG – Dave Anthony had forwarded this policy from Franklin. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated Barnstable’s policy is more comprehensive and Franklin has more procedures. Ms. Bent wanted to make sure that there is a procedural manual for this policy. Mr. Anthony stated he would work with Ms. Moynihan to come up with a procedure. He discussed the insurance coverage needed. The Committee agreed to keep the policy as it is and to have Mr. Anthony and Ms. Moynihan develop procedures for this policy. Mr. Anthony left the meeting.
 - ❖ EBCFA – Dr. Rudman joined the meeting. Mr. Hardy stated MASC is in the process of drafting their policy. Ms. Bryant gave the background on the metrics for masking in the Barnstable recommendation. Dr. Rudman stated transparency is key and Barnstable needs to lead with the data. We need to start living with the virus, but it is not the time to throw away all caution. Barnstable needs to have ways of monitoring the status of what is going on with the virus. Ms. Bent stated the School Committee is going to be talking and voting on this policy next Wednesday. There needs to be an objective and transparent way to look at when to mask. We are going to get pushback. She discussed the numbers of moving into the masking stage. She feels having metric in place was good, but she cannot support these numbers. Mr. Goode thanked everyone for their work. He said the Committee listened to the Governor for two years on masking. Now that DESE and the Governor said masking is optional, he said the Committee still needs to listen to them. He does not want to have metrics as to when masks need to be mandated. He said if there is a rise in Covid cases, the School Committee could meet to discuss and revise the masking policy. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated masking is still required on buses and in health services offices. Ms. Bryant stated masking is also required on days 6-10 after one has been Covid positive and come out of isolation/quarantine. Mr. Hardy showed the draft MASC update on face coverings. The Committee discussed and revised it slightly. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated Ms. Kruczek would send the draft policy from MASC to the School Committee. Dr. Mayo-Brown and Ms. Bryant will work on the memo to the School Committee.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 2:34PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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