

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, November 20, 2020, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Chair Kathy Bent, Barbara Dunn, Meg Mayo-Brown, Dylan Pauly, and Jen Kruczek.

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

Organizational Structure of the Subcommittee

- Ms. Bent asked when Ms. Pauly leaves the district, will the Subcommittee be Ms. Dunn, Dr. Mayo-Brown, and her or should someone else be added.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated the MASC representative will be there to help with the legal components and the Committee will pull in people who are relevant to the policies they are addressing.

Scope of the Subcommittee

- Ms. Bent asked if there should be a priority order in which this Committee looks at the policies.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated the School Committee's Strategic Plan is connected to these policies and that should be put in the Minutes.
- Ms. Pauly stated policies should be looked at with an equity lens and asked if there is any particular order we should be looking at the policies before the procedural policies. The Committee should be looking at who are the stakeholder impacted by changes.
- Ms. Dunn asked when was the last time the policies were updated. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated she was not aware, but former member Margeaux Weber led the effort.
- Ms. Kruczek explained the background of policies updates with Ms. Weber and Mr. Butler.
- Ms. Bent stated she is concerned about the outside legal counsel policy and thinks that should be looked at right away. Other than that one, maybe MASC has a procedure.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated Ms. Pauly has addressed the policies with issues.
- Ms. Pauly stated MASC has running list of changes and she would like to look back over at those. She will see if there are any urgent ones for a first read in January. She will look for policies where we can use equity lens in a transparent way.

Review of the Procedure for involving MASC

- Ms. Bent asked about including the Special Education procedures and/or handbook in MASC's involvement.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated she does not see a downside in including those. Her last update from Dr. Hurley was the work on the Special Education procedures/handbook was underway.
- Ms. Bent asked how often this Committee should meet. Ms. Dunn stated the other Subcommittee meets once a month.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated she did a similar review in Fall River and the MASC representative came to the meetings. He was a technical assistance provider and they met monthly.
- Ms. Pauly suggested thinking about the timing of the School Committee meetings and workflow of being packet ready for next School Committee meeting.
- Ms. Bent stated for timing, Ms. Kruczek could schedule. She suggested a fixed day and Fridays are good for her. She would like to get 6 months' worth of meetings. She asked how long should each meeting should be. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated her meetings in Fall River were around 2 hours, but it depends on what was of interest to the parties.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated Ms. Kruczek would contact the MASC representative Jim Hardy once the contract is signed.
- Ms. Bent would like to start the meetings in January.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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