**East Greenwich School Committee**
**Policy Subcommittee Minutes**
**October 8, 2024**

The Policy Committee met at Frenchtown Elementary School from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

Present: Maggie Baker, Beth Cauley, Sarah Courtemanche-O'Brien, Brianna Moody, Tim Munoz, Alyson Powell, Brian Ricca, Mary Ward

The Committee reviewed the Policy Scorecard for the new FY 24-25 academic year and agreed that priorities in the next several months include new and revised policies on Attendance, Device Use in K-12/Digital Wellness, Audio/Video Recording in Buildings and on School Property and Crisis Intervention, as well as updating several policies where RIDE requirements have changed.

The Committee reviewed a Third Read of Policy # 8425, Graduation Requirements. Discussion focused on the time frame for students who have not met the requirements in time for graduation to have until the "end of the first quarter of the next academic year" to complete their coursework. It was also agreed to consider new language that would: 1) emphasize the importance of students and families acting on the regular notices and support services provided throughout the high school years; and 2) providing some latitude for the administrators to consider appeals based on extenuating circumstances.

The Committee reviewed a Second Read of Policy # 2200, Brand Asset Protection. The Committee reaffirmed the importance of this policy and cited the recent issue with unauthorized use of the town logo as another example of the potential risks involved for EGPS in the absence of both a policy and legal trademark protections. The Committee is planning to meet with the presidents of the PTGs to share the draft policy before advancing to a First Read for the School Committee.

The Committee discussed the development of a new Policy # 7500 on the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence by both students and faculty as part of teaching and learning. Discussion focused on how to frame an initial policy, selecting from a range of potential topics including academic integrity, integration into curriculum, data privacy and security, etc. The Committee will prioritize potential focus areas at its next meeting, acknowledging that academic integrity and prohibition of deep fakes are candidates for early action.

Minutes submitted by Policy Chair Tim Munoz

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*The role of the Policy Committee is to consider matters relating to EGPS policy, to ensure alignment with statutory requirements and to recommend policies and revisions to the School Committee. All policies proposed by the Policy Committee must receive two public readings prior to adoption by a majority vote of the full School Committee.*