

Policy Committee

Wednesday, October 16th, 2024

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Attendees: Dr. Toni Jones, Karen Hirsh, Sophie Coven, MJ Mercanti-Anthony
Facilitator: MJ Mercanti-Anthony

Meeting Objectives:

- Identify the Next Policies for the committee to review
- Begin Screen Time Discussion

Total Time: 50 Minutes

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3:30	3	<p><u>Feedback from last meeting:</u></p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Pluses</th><th>Deltas</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">● Got through a lot!●</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">●</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Next Steps from last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Break for Summer <p>Approve Minutes from 6/2/24 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approved 2-0-1	Pluses	Deltas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Got through a lot!●	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
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3:35	15	<p>Objective 1: Identify Next Policies for the committee to review</p> <p>Last June, we had success using our tracker and case-manager system to work through new policies. Now that our committee is back at full strength, let's take some time to continue to prioritize policies to review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which policies should we work through next?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Substitute Teacher – SK				

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<p>3:50</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Objective 2: Begin Screen Time Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Jones will give the board an update on how the cell phone regulations are going across the district. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What we have rolled out it not a change. Elementary and Middle School principals saying it has been fantastic. Not having nearly as many smart watch or other issues. No pushback at those levels. b. Middle school students must have it away all day, that procedure is tighter this year. c. High School has been respectful in the classroom. The conversation has been more around lunchtime. Some students seem to have been influenced by the community conversation and are more likely to engage with their peers. d. Principal Mayo put together a committee of students and staff to review the practices. e. MJMA: Can we get any sense of the disciplinary data impact of the cell phone enforcement? f. SK: Seemed like all suspension hearing issues were almost always exacerbated by phones and/or social media. g. KH: Important that this is a community discussion. Lack of ability to communicate face to face is a real issue in the workforce. 2. The committee will discuss current documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Electronic Device Policy b. Cell Phone Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SK: More guidance would benefit the teachers. Seems to be a variety of implementations at HS level. ii. KH: The Student Government has a committee looking into the matter. At student government meeting, they told her it is a mixed bag as far as what people want. There is definitely less phones out in the school. Many students have adjusted, but there is still use at lunch. Admin is also reviewing.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. SK: Doesn't think it is realistic for students to curtail their use without being required to do so. iv. KH: Worried that phones stored could be stolen or left vulnerable. Admin says in class it has been great, but lots of questions. <p>3. Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. KH to share CAFE and State BOE resources b. The committee will look at BYOD Policy, as the policy is not following the reg at elementary and middle. c. HS committee will report recommendations in December. d. Dr. Jones to get feedback from how things are going in other districts.
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4:20	5	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Case manager assigned policies. ○ Cell Phone next steps above. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #d9ead3;">Pluses</th> <th style="background-color: #ead1dc;">Deltas</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good conversation and sharing of perspectives ● Organization </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have access to policies and suggested changes in advance of the meeting </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Next Meeting: October 30th 3:30</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: 3-0</p>	Pluses	Deltas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good conversation and sharing of perspectives ● Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have access to policies and suggested changes in advance of the meeting
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