

Bourne School Committee
Policy Subcommittee Draft Minutes

Date: October 10, 2020

Time: 3:45 pm

Place: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

School Committee: Chair Emily Berry, Erin Perry

School Administration: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan Zhou, Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 3:47pm.

Review policies for School Committee - Enrollment/model change policy

Dr. Zhou shared the Sandwich School District communications as an example. She noted that families will be allowed to change between models on a rolling basis, with the ability to make changes within a 2-4 week timeframe to be consistent with cohort schedules. The communication to families will make clear that a teacher and/or cohort change may be necessary to accommodate their request. She also noted that a formal policy is not needed, but the procedure will need to be articulated to families. The district allowed for changes up until the transportation schedules were finalized and will now need to follow this new procedure.

Members asked how these requests for changes might impact staffing. Dr. Zhou thinks that the cohorts and the remote vs. hybrid learners are pretty stable at this point. She also agreed that language can be included in the communication that indicates there is no guarantee that the requests will be accommodated, in the event that there are not enough teachers and/or space.

Resolution on Anti-Racism

Members noted that the resolution provided to the committee for consideration includes details already part of the districts discrimination policy. Members agreed it should be voted at a meeting of the full committee, but that the principles are also represented in existing policies.

Future Agenda Items

Members took a preliminary look at policy BEDH-E (Guidelines for Public Comment; part of School Board Governance and Operations) and agreed to take this policy up at a future meeting to discuss how to increase appropriate public participation in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.