

Bourne School Committee
Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Date: February 2, 2021

Time: 4:30 pm

Place: Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

School Committee: Chair Emily Berry, Erin Perry

School Administration: Dr. Kerri Anne Quinlan Zhou, Superintendent; Melissa Ryan, Assistant Superintendent (joined at 4:41 pm)

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Members approved meeting minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting.

Continued Review: Policies for School Committee - Student Representative for the School Committee

Dr. Zhou said she reached out to many superintendents regarding example policies that include student representatives on the School Committee, but has not received feedback yet. Ms. Perry added that she also reached out to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and is waiting for a response. Dr. Zhou added that Vivica Stuckey will be joining the School Committee as the student representative.

Members reviewed the draft policy and suggested the following additional revisions:

- Including a specific statement that students will not vote on personnel matters
- Add a sentence that provides the chair discretion to instruct the student not to vote on certain matters, as necessary
- Add that student representatives serve a one school year term

Members also discussed that students should only have access to materials that are made available to the public. This should be identified as the established procedure.

Members agreed to share the revised draft with the full School Committee

Discussion about policy implications regarding School Committee Recognition Awards

Ms. Berry asked if there is an existing policy, or if there is one required. Dr. Zhou suggested a policy is not required, but that it can be a procedure.

Ms. Berry suggested a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss details with a group of administrators.

Ms. Ryan noted that the School Committee has provided letters of commendation to staff previously.

Dr. Zhou noted that the award criteria should include that the recipient has done something that exemplifies the district values.

Ms. Ryan suggested members think about who we are recognizing and how; there could be some potential or perceived inequity.

Ms. Berry suggested this might be an award for students, who could be nominated by teachers and others, and that the School Committee could continue to provide letters of commendation to staff, as appropriate.

Members agreed to pull together an ad hoc committee to further discuss the details of the award process and criteria.

Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were identified.

Next Meeting

TBD, as needed

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.