

Policy Subcommittee January 13, 2025
Main Street Conference Room, MRHS

Present: Meredith Henderson, Brad Schiff, Betty Gray

Absent: Bre Rose

Administration Present: Melissa Maguire, Robin Millen (late arrival, 6p)

Call to Order: 5:34pm

Approval of 12/13/24 meeting minutes: Motion to approve: Meredith Henderson; Second: Betty Gray; unanimously approved

Review file ADDA - adding DCF Central Registry to background checks so that abuse/ neglect charges are identified as part of the background check process. Would apply to existing employees and volunteers as well as applicants in both categories. Individuals would complete a consent form to request records from the DCF Registry. File reviewed and approved to be presented as a first read at MRSC 1/23/25.

Table of Contents for Policies - reviewed listing - some have not been reviewed since 2013. Subcommittee members will review the Table of Contents and send Melissa Maguire a list of 6 policies to review this spring. Lists will be emailed to Melissa by Jan 31, 2025 .

MCAS Competency Determination -

- Committee must determine if the Competency Determination guidelines will live in policy or in program of studies (where it and the graduation requirements currently live). Allowing it to stay in program of studies will give the educators the ability to create more pathways for the students (give some latitude).
- The law says they must pass previous MCAS required subjects at the 10th grade level: ELA, Math, Science Technology/ Engineering.
- Want the language in the policy to include verbiage for transcript review for students transferring into MRHS.
- What is decided upon now will be retroactive to 2013, so any student who has not yet graduated and returns to MRHS to complete their HS requirements will have to meet the newly established Competency Determination.
- We have 12 students without Competency Determination right now. Four of them are seniors. With the newly suggested Competency Determination guidelines, 2 of the four will be able to graduate.
- Current Juniors who have met their Competency Determination by passing the MCAS prior to December 5, 2024 have their Competency Determination.
- 2027 graduates and beyond will need to meet our Competency Determination requirements.
- Will 8th grade Algebra 1 be considered for Competency Determination? Yes, but the student does not get HS credit for the course.
- Policy will be IFK- under Academic Achievement.

- Add this to the 1/23/25 agenda, with Robin presenting.

Adjournment: Motion by Betty Gray; seconded by Meredith Henderson . Adjournment at 6:30pm.