

## **Minutes of the Policy/Program Subcommittee**

September 17, 2024 / 12:00 – 1:00 / Central Office Conference Room

Present: Erica Spencer, Theresa Whitman, Kate Koch Sundquist, Pam Beaudoin

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### **Call to Order**

**12:00PM**

**Continued Work** - The agenda was taken in reverse, starting with updates on various policies.

### **Reserves Policy – Continued discussion and revision based on feedback.**

- Reviewed a draft policy from May 21, 2024 and steps taken by subcommittee in the previous year to arrive at the draft.
- Subcommittee members will request a straw poll on the 8% reserve cap at the September 17 meeting.
- If there is general agreement on the 8% reserve cap, the policy will go to the full committee for a first read on October 1 and a second read on October 15. The goal is to have the policy completed before the start of budget season.

### **Policy Updates/Revisions**

- **Bullying Prevention Policy Update**
  - Reviewed language changes required by state regulation updates.
  - Agreement to bring the policy forward for a full committee vote on October 1.
- **MASC July 24 Policy Update Recommendations**
  - The committee was informed of another MASC policy update from July 2024 focusing on Title IX changes.
  - Title IX training with District Counsel is scheduled for October, with plans to review and update policies.
  - Goal is to complete this by end of November.
- **MASC Winter 24 Policy Update – Progress Report**
  - Discussion on the MASC technology policy package (released in Winter 2024), currently under review by the technology team.

### **Discussion – Cell Phone / Electronic Device Student Use Policy**

- Discussion on the potential need for a district-wide cell phone policy, with K-8 already having policies in place that meet expectations.
- Focused on possibly updating the high school's cell phone policy and examining screen time reduction strategies.
- Principals will present their School Improvement Plans at upcoming meetings and provide updates on current cell phone policies.
- The committee will continue the conversation on a broader district policy that may address both cell phone use and screen time.

### **A. Adjourn**

**1:05PM**

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