

**GWRSD Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Notes**  
**SAU Office Conference Room**  
**March 13, 2025 4:30pm**

**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32pm.

**Present: Academic Affairs Committee:** Dr. Beth Sheckler, Mary Schillereff, Charlene Seibel, Tom Bickford

**Administration:** Caroline Arakelian, Heather Cummings, Katey Hills

**Others Present:** 2 community members, Kim Kelliher (4:34pm)

**Agenda Review:** Ms. Cummings requested to add policy GEA to the agenda for a brief update.

**Notification of New High School Course:** Dr. Hills announced a new High School elective course titled Inclusive Leadership to be offered to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 for one quarter of a semester and valued at one half credit. She reviewed the course description, learning objectives, and course highlights.

**KRHS Reassessment:** Dr. Hills explained the timeline of the subject of student reassessment at the High School that began in December/January of 2023/2024 with a desire to create consistency in line with best practices. From January to June of 2024 a committee researched and drafted best practices and shared the draft with Academic Coordinators for feedback. In December of 2024, the “final” draft was shared with full staff, with a volunteer pilot planned for February to June of 2025 to gather data and adjust accordingly. A notification was sent to families in January of 2025. Work is ongoing. The Administration answered questions posed by the committee.

**KRHS Grading Update:** Dr. Hills explained the shift to competency-based education (CBE) across the District, per NH law. CBE-aligned grading scales were shared in November and staff offered feedback on grade scale, course weight, etc. Families and staff will be asked to provide additional feedback while information sessions, electronic posts, and website links will contribute to ongoing work. The Administration answered questions posed by the committee.

Ms. Kelliher left the meeting (approximately 5:30pm).

**Policy GEA:** Ms. Cummings shared that there is no anticipated update to optional sample policy GEA by the NHSBA and explained that coaching positions are not covered by the GWSSA contract.

**Title IX & Related Policies:** Ms. Cummings explained that Title IX policies are expected to revert to the 2020 versions due to recent changes in legislation. The 2020 policy versions are pending review by the District’s attorney and will be included on the April agenda for emergency 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reads.

### **Policy Discussion:**

The committee discussed policy JIC and JICK regarding student exclusion from extracurricular activities during suspension. Ms. Seibel permitted audience participation in the discussion.

The community members left the meeting (approximately 6:15pm).

The committee discussed policies AD, DJ, JKA, KBBA, and KHC as 1<sup>st</sup> Reads for Reaffirmation.

The committee discussed policies BDE, JLCA, JLCB, JLCC, JLCE, JLCE, JLCK, JLD, JLDBA, JLIA, JLIE, JRB, KA, KFA, KH, KI, LDA, and LEB as 1<sup>st</sup> Reads for Revision with suggested edits.

The committee discussed policies DIAA AND JLA as 1<sup>st</sup> Reads for Withdrawal.

Dr. Sheckler left the meeting at 6:30pm.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.

**Moved:** Ms. Seibel - **Second:** Ms. Schillereff

**Vote:** all in favor

### **Adjournment: 6:50 pm**

Recorded by,



Kathy Lagace

School Board Secretary

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **4/7/2025**