

Minutes of CPS Policy Committee Meeting
January 28, 2013

Present: Dr. Chris Belcher
Dr. Dana Clippard
Mr. Paul Maguffee
Ms. Susan McClintic
Mr. Darin Pries
Mr. Tom Rose
Ms. Kari Schuster
Ms. Helen Wade
Mr. James Whitt

Helen Wade called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Three policies were reviewed at the January 28 meeting. As of this meeting, approximately 7-8 policies are currently under review.

ECA—Building and Grounds Security:

John White, a retired police officer and the CPS Director of Safety and Security, spoke to the issue of his personal ability to carry a concealed weapon (as a retired officer) anywhere except the CPS buildings he is assigned to protect. He stated that firearms training standards are rigorous and must be renewed yearly. School Resource Officers “qualify” twice a year on firing handguns and once a year on firing shotguns. Police officers, in contrast, receive a lesser amount of training (8 hours of training, coupled with situational training, which is about half the amount of training White currently receives). White stated that his ability to detain a suspect is the same as any other retired officer (i.e., he could conduct a citizen’s arrest). As Director of Safety and Security, he would be most likely to engage an armed intruder. Linda Quinley, CPS Chief Financial Officer, spoke to liability insurance, which would be on the school district. General professional liability insurance would cost about \$5,000 annually, and insurance on an armed individual would need to carry a rider. Helen Wade would like some wording in the policy that speaks to storage and control, as well as a clause that would allow the Superintendent or his designee to revoke the privilege to carry. A well-worded job description could provide clarification on the type(s) of qualification and training the Director/Assistant Director of Safety and Security would need. White suggested that the City of Columbia Police Department might have a job description that would include training requirements.

EHBA—Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices for Instructional Purposes:

Julie Nichols of CPS IT services stated that a line in the policy was struck because the District did not want teachers to handle students’ technology devices. In reading the policy, it was difficult to determine if student devices would access CPS wireless or 4G. The committee asked if this policy would further separate the “have” and “have not” students and if the policy clearly

addressed liability for loss of a device. The committee decided that this policy could be presented to the Board for a first read.

GCJ—Professional Staff Time Schedules:

As presented, the wording of the policy raised questions of internal equity between schools/teachers. The committee agreed to continue dialogue on this policy.

Mr. Whitt moved to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Rose seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.