

GWRSD Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Notes

Brookfield Town Office

August 4, 2025 5:00pm

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

Present: Academic Affairs Committee: Tom Bickford (5:12), Danielle Van Dusen, Dr. Beth Sheckler, Mary Schillereff

Administration: Caroline Arakelian, Katey Hills

Also Present: Kirsten Burke

Agenda Review: No discussion

Meeting Schedule:

Dr. Sheckler reviewed the proposed meeting schedule.

Procedural Norms:

Dr. Arakelian reviewed the committee procedures and norms and explained the path and prioritization of policy development. The committee agreed upon the proposed dates and the 4:00pm meeting start time.

Policy Review:

The committee reviewed policy AB. Discussion included the suggestion of a children's/student's bill of rights and how such rights are covered by the policies governing anti-discrimination.

The committee reviewed policy ACB. Discussion considered legal review; more information will be forthcoming and this policy will be reviewed again at the 9/15 meeting.

The committee reviewed policy JICJ. Discussion included current practices in place at the middle and high school buildings, parent feedback, the definition of instructional time, and the nature of the state mandate for this policy.

Motion: To waive policy BG's approval process and bring policies AB and JICJ to the full Board for emergency adoption/approval at the School Board meeting tonight.

Moved: Ms. Schillereff - **Second:** Ms. Van Dusen

Vote: all in favor

Adjournment: 5:55 pm

Recorded by,



Kathy Lagace

School Board Secretary

Approved by GWRSD School Board: **9/08/2025**