



East Greenwich School Committee Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes December 12, 2025

The Policy Committee met in the EGPS conference room at 111 Peirce Street from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

Committee Members present: Maggie Baker, Beth Cauley, Tom Kenworthy, Brianna Moody, Tim Munoz, Alyson Powell

The Committee reviewed a Fifth Read of New Policy # 8600, Attendance and agreed to eliminate all sections describing the appeals process for different schools, since these processes are included in each school's handbook for students and parents/guardians. The Committee agreed to forward the revised draft to the School Committee as a First Read.

The Committee reviewed a First Read of Revised Policy #10310, Social Media. This policy was revised to include a section on the demonstrable harms to adolescents caused by social media and to itemize the prohibited uses of social media not only for students but also for teachers in a school context. The Committee discussed the edge case of YouTube, which has legitimate educational value as an archive of history, the arts and languages, in particular, but also has many inappropriate and harmful uses, too. The Committee agreed to make several revisions and review at its next meeting.

The Committee reviewed a First Read of Revised Policy # 1135, Strategic Plan. This policy was a complete re-write of the existing policy, which was undated and did not include any of the specific Strategic Plan provisions in the 2019 Education Accountability Act (EAA), RIGL § 16-97.1. The revised policy also describes the need for the Strategic Plan to move from an episodic document to a more adaptive and continuous plan focused on implementation and outcomes. The Committee made several minor revisions and agreed to forward it to the School Committee as a First Read.

The Committee reviewed a First Read of New Policy # 2114, Administration in the Absence of Policy. This new policy clarifies the ability of the Superintendent to make emergency decisions when there is no relevant policy to follow, while quickly reporting such action to the School Committee and moving to gain that body's approval as soon as possible. The Committee agreed to forward the policy to the School Committee as a First Read.

Minutes submitted by Policy Chair Tim Munoz