The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on September 25, 2026, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Courtney West, and Sara Ahern.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 2:00PM.

Minutes

- Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of August 31, 2026.

Create Policy ACB (Equal Access and Annual Evaluation of K–12 Programming)

- D. Ahern stated the district is participating in the Integrated Monitoring Review with DESE. There is a Civil Rights indicator that expects a policy around an annual evaluation of K-12 programming related to equal access. They sent a sample policy. They are coming on site at the end of October. They noted that we do not have this policy. It would be best if the School Committee would waive the first read and approve this policy at their next meeting.
- Ms. Bent felt this was similar to the discrimination policy in some ways. Dr. Ahern agreed. This policy is about annually evaluating the programs.
- Ms. Bent stated she was fine with waiving the first read at the School Committee meeting for this policy.

Discuss Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements)

- Dr. Ahern stated she needs more time on both Policy IKF and IKFE. She wanted to share her thoughts on a couple of issues coming up.
- Ms. Harmon stated they are finding, through some of the audits of the programs, that some of the seniors may be underenrolled. There is no language in the policy around expectations for course load for their senior year. They are looking to possibly include a minimum of four credit classes or four full year classes. She would like to look at other districts' policies. We did have to change the number of credits when we changed the schedule. This also concerns our athletes and the MIAA for the number of classes they need to be enrolled in.
- Ms. Bent asked if the policy could say a minimum of four credit classes per academic year, so that it would include all years and not just the senior class.
- Dr. Ahern stated some districts spell out the number of credits each academic year. Right now, there are seniors that just need one credit to graduate and are asking if they can only come in for one class. They need to be a full time student. The policy does not speak to this, so we would like stronger language.
- Ms. Bent asked if the policy could say for example, four years of English including one year in their senior year.
- Dr. Ahern thought that was a good point because there are students that double up on English classes.
- Ms. West asked if students could graduate early if they fulfilled the requirements.
- Dr. Ahern stated that is the next concern they have. Many other districts have a process that students can go through to graduate early. We should come up with a mechanism for students to petition to graduate early. Sometimes dual enrollment classes do not count towards the graduation requirements. She gave an example of a student who petitioned to graduate a year early when she was in Holliston.

Discuss Policy IKFE (Competency Determination)

- Ms. Harmon stated with each graduating class there is a different situation. We are looking to have MCAS identified as one of the mastery measures. It would be an alternative option. The only other update would be if new courses would need to be added.

Next Steps

- There was no discussion.

Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Harmon, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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