

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, 8:00 AM
VIA ZOOM REMOTE ACCESS**

Present Via Zoom– School Committee: Amanda Comperchio, Carrie Patel
Present Via Zoom – School Administration: James O’Shea, Superintendent; Mary O’Regan, Assistant to the Superintendent;

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Topic: SC Policy Subcommittee

Time: Jan 19, 2022 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM.

II. Public Comments

Mahreen Hoda, 83 Oak Knoll Road, provided the subcommittee with information for discussion regarding district policies and associated reference materials. Both packets were linked to the agenda. Ms. Hoda reviewed the documentation and provided the following recommendations:

- Add a Religious and Cultural Accommodation Policy to provide families in the district with specific guidance regarding student absences and accommodations for religious holidays.
- Adopt a specific policy on Non-Discrimination which explicitly discusses race, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, etc., and the protection from discrimination.
- Add the text of the non-discrimination law to the Equal Education Opportunities policy.
- Consider adding a specific definition of harassment based on protected groups and examples of harassment based on protected group status to the current CPS Harassment policy.
- Consider adding a policy on Educational Equity.

The subcommittee thanked Ms. Hoda for her time. Following discussion of the recommendations it was decided that drafts of the three potential new policies and edits of two existing policies would be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.

III. Review/Approval of Minutes

Ms. Comperchio made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 15, 2021 subcommittee meeting. Ms. Patel seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Policy Review

The following policies were reviewed:

- E5 School Bus – The policy will remain as is based on feedback from Dr. Sidell and Dr. Mehler that students should ride the bus they are assigned to as determined by their residence. It was thought that allowing students to ride alternative buses would be complicated and difficult to track.
- I9 Volunteers – Based on feedback from Dr. Sidell and Dr. Mehler the portion of the policy that refers to the Volunteer Contract will be removed. In order to provide some type of guidance for volunteers, administration will draw up an outline of best practices that will be shared with volunteers.
- J7 Out of State, Overnight Trips – Dr. Mehler shared his concerns about keeping language in the policy regarding a medical professional serving as a chaperone on out of state field trips (#6) as professional licenses do not transfer from state to state. Currently nursing staff accompany students with medical issues on classroom one-day field trips. Research will be done to determine if medical staff are available and/or on-site at the locations of our out of state, overnight field trips and discussion will continue at the next subcommittee meeting.

V. Adjourn Meeting

Ms. Patel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Comperchio seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Regan
Assistant to the Superintendent
January 19, 2022

List of Documents Viewed or Reviewed:

DEICAC [Policy Subcommittee Discussion](#)
DEICAC [Policy Reference Packet](#)
E5 School Bus ([Current CPS Policy](#))
I9 Volunteers ([Current CPS Policy](#))
J7 Out of State, Overnight Trips ([Current CPS Policy](#))