

## WSC POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

### MINUTES

July 28, 2021

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Present in person: Kim Reichelt, Jessica Polizzotti, Dr. Omar Easy

Members of the Public: Jeff Sklar

#### **Public Comment:**

Jeff Sklar - Brooks Rd. Reviewed the draft of the revised school council policy, and had several recommendations (Sep-Jun terms and September elections, maybe reconsider language about being consistent with SC policy (item 2), make sure language enables discussion of a change in policy, make sure meeting announcements are made in advance, and include location, time, and the link if via zoom. Strike the language about discouraging revisiting items that have been previously decided (public has no input for decades). Announcements should be in school calendar, as well as newsletter, Training should be at the start of the year - people should watch at the start of the year. Community member - if one is selected by principal, we should add another selected by the community (or PTO). Separately, on the student records matter, freshman yearbook, the word "policy" appears three times, two were about actual policies, and the third was a reference to not returning assessments — as this is not a policy, it's a practice, they should not use the word "policy". Mr. Sklar provided the suggested edits to the subcommittee

#### **Policy Review**

- **BDFA** - The subcommittee discussed the draft policy of BDFA. The meetings should be taped. It is more important for the public to have access than to protect the privacy of students who might participate in these meetings. All participants need to understand the meetings are public and are being taped. The co-chair cannot be the vice-principal, Dr. Easy was concerned about how meetings would be run if the principal would have to make the meeting (and the meeting schedule should be fixed, not cancelled if the principal can't make it). Let's be more explicit about Open Meeting Law requirement of 48 hour posting in advance. There was a discussion about the timing of the election for SC members, and weighing pros and cons, the subcommittee agreed that elections should occur in September, to ensure that families that are new to the school can participate. The subcommittee had a discussion about the conditions under which an item can be revisited after it is decided. Need more discussion of terms of office, the law is silent on that.

- **JCA** - The subcommittee discussed what constitutes a hardship as far as school assignment goes, and agreed to do some research and discuss this further.
- **EBB and IMG** were passed over until a future meeting.

**Review of options for providing public access to policy manual.** The committee discussed the various formats different committees use to present their policy manual. Kim presented some alternative formats and their pros and cons, and Jessica will take a look at other towns' sites, and we will come back to it.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kim moved to approve the minutes from June 23, 2021 and July 13, 2021, Jessica seconded, and the vote was 2-0 to approve them.

**Matters not anticipated.** There were none

**Motion to adjourn by Kim, Jessica seconded, vote 2-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:13am**

**Corresponding Documentation:**

- **Agenda**
- **Policies BDFA, EBB, IMG, JCA**
- **Minutes from June 23, 2021 and July 13, 2021**