



COMMUNICATIONS/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Attendees: Dr. W. Defabiis, W. Doran, C. Filler, A. Shinn, E. Zwerling, J. Bohm

1. Policies for Discussion:

It was decided that discussion of the following policy would be continued at the next meeting.

- Policy 7130 – School Closing

Eric Zwerling has provided additional wording to this policy for board consideration. The committee feels this wording is an important addition to the existing policy. (see attached)

- Policy 7461 – District Sustainability Policy

2. Tracking incidents of Inappropriate Behavior

There has been on-going discussions around the following items for over a year:

- HIB violations
- Student Code of Conduct violations
- Teacher Code of Conduct violations

The Committee has come to the conclusion that a modification of two policies (3211 Teaching Staff Code of Ethics and 5600 Student Code of Conduct) to include a requirement to track non-HIB level incidents would benefit the district. Draft language for the modified policies are attached. Once the revised policies are approved, the administration will implement a means of tracking such incidents and report out to the board on them at regular intervals similar to the manner HIB incidents are reported.

The Board will go through its usual 2 step approval process for Policies at the November and January meetings. (See attached)

3. School Policy Updates

- water bottles at RMS
 - Students at RMS have been permitted to carry refillable water bottles to classes in order to stay hydrated. No incidents of improper use of the water bottles or mischief involving the water bottles have occurred.
- school supply lists (see attached)
 - There was a lively discussion around school supply lists. The schools each seem to have their own lists by grade levels. Parents are being asked to provide \$20-\$40 worth of supplies (depending on school and grade level) for their child at the beginning of each school year. Based on current enrollment this adds up to ~\$60,000 of school supplies at the start of each year.

The administration will review the supply lists and the reason parents are being asked for them rather than the school providing these supplies (things like pencils, crayons, specific types of notebooks, paper etc..). Some board members felt these supplies should be provided as part of the classroom supply list. Especially since once the parents send them to school they are often used by the entire class and not a single student.
 - Additional discussion and review is needed around this topic before any informed decisions can be made.

4. Class trips

- TBS and WHS
 - The list of trips for the same grade level varies at the two K-3 schools. Students at the same grade level are not getting the same learning experience based on the list of trips that was reviewed. It is felt the trips should provide the same opportunity for learning regardless of which school a child attends. While it is understood that the trips cannot always be to the same venue (for instance the same bowling alley) because of geography there is a strong feeling that the trips should at least present the same learning opportunities. For instance one school goes to RVCC for a presentation and another goes to a farm.

Dr. Defabiis has agreed to review the list with the principals and attempt to reach a common list for the next school year.
- approval process

5. Future Meetings
 - agenda items