

COMMUNICATIONS/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA-Non-confidential

Wednesday March 6, 2019 3:30 p.m.

Attendance: Dr. Hart, Robyn Mikaelian, Anna Shinn, Carol Hample, Eric Zwerling, Jason Bohm

1. School Calendar 2018-2019

There was a lot considered. Dr. Hart will be recommending using March 25 as an early dismissal day for students and curriculum day for staff.

Hopefully we are done for the year!

2. Strauss Esmay Alert 217 – 4 policies were discussed

**a. Policy 2422 – Health and Physical Education**

The changes in this policy included changing the language to reflect the NJ Student Learning Standards, the new requirements for health, wellness, and PE at each grade-level, the required recess time, and the requirement that sexting education is needed once in middle school. The committee discussed how it is discouraged to take away recess for punitive reasons under this new policy.

**b. Policy 4219 - Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing**

This policy has been updated to reflect Federal regulations. The committee discussed test upon hiring although we have random testing in place throughout the year.

We also discussed current practices in reporting for work, breaks, and leaving for the day and the potential ability to “check in” to central location to get keys for the day? This will be discussed with transportation supervisor.

Cutoff concentration levels chart has been altered due to Federal regulations.

**c. Policy and Regulation 5111 - Eligibility of Resident and Nonresident Pupils**

Clauses were added to the policy to address 2 issues: 1. Children of district employees and 2. other non residents, as we have encountered these situations.

Addition of F-1 visa students. Allowed with tuition payment.

**d. Policy 5757 - Transgender Students**

Outlines guidelines to insure support and safety of transgender students including confidentiality and privacy. Record maintenance could pose some challenges

Faculty training needs to be provided for proper handling.

3. **Policy 7471 - Idle-Free School Zones**

This policy was revised to bring us to the current idling time limits. These time limits seem hard to adhere to, particularly in the event of cold weather. Staff have been trained. Enforcement for

all vehicles is a challenge. The committee thought a reminder email of our green initiatives would help enforcement.

4. Parent Request related to policy 5111 - Resident and Nonresident Pupils  
The committee discussed a parent request that was related to this policy
5. Protocols for Correspondence  
Dr. Hart will discuss protocols for correspondence in unfinished business.
6. Press Releases Future Topics: Review from last meeting
  - a. April (Due March 15): Earth Day and the habitat/retention basin  
Eric-will be updating on Green Committee. Mention of Idle-Free Policy.
  - b. May (Due April 15): Review of SEL Parent Academy
  - c. June (Due May 15): Summer Reading
  - d. July/Aug (Due June 15): Summer Capital projects
7. Next Meeting to address additional Alert 217 policies and revisions pending.