

Policy Subcommittee Meeting

November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM

Meeting was held via Google Meet

Attending C Britton, D. Davis, L. Steinhauser, T. Lavoy, M. Scata

The agenda was set aside so that the committee could discuss policy implications and implementation of the new state statute changing the entry age of kindergarten from December 31 to September 1. Dr. Britton and D. Davis have begun the discussion with the Valley View principal, J. Bruenn and Kindergarten teachers.

Dr. Britton has several policies about the new mandated age of admission and will bring back one revised policy based on our discussion today.

Committee members learned that this law may cause hardships for families who planned for their child would be admitted to kindergarten under the December 31 date.

Getting the word out to parents about the new law may ease some early concerns that have been reported in the media.

We discussed the impact of recent parent requests to question curricular materials using our Policy 1312 Community Relations and 6361.1 School Library Materials.

Dr. Britton reiterated the 4 standards he used in the discussion. They are as follows:

Standard #1: If a majority of the committee objects to the text on any of the grounds outlined above, the text will be removed from the first-grade curriculum.

Standard #2: If a majority of the committee does not object to the text on any of the grounds outlined above, the text will remain a part of the first-grade curriculum.

Standard #3: If the committee unanimously agrees that the text meets the expectations outlined above and the objections raised in Form 1312 do not have merit, then the text will remain in the first-grade curriculum and all students will be expected to participate in instructional activities that use the text (e.g., no parent opt-outs allowed).

Standard #4: If one or more members of the committee object to the text on any of the grounds outlined above or believes the objections raised in Form 1312 have merit, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be allowed to request their child opt-out from any instructional activities that use the text.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:08 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Meg Scata

Policy Chairperson