

Policy Sub Committee Meeting
August 11, 2020
5PM
Held via Google Meet

Attending: Dr. Charles Britton, Meg Scata, Dawn Davis, Laurel Steinhauser. **Absent:** Tim Lavoy

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

Approval of Agenda: Approved no changes

Policies

Electronic Board of Education Meetings #9321.2 (New Bylaw)

Discussion about the policy tonight included the reason for the policy which resulted from the 2020 Executive orders by Governor Lamont. It was noted that electronic meetings via Zoom are successful and should be continued for the foreseeable future, that the attendance by more stakeholders including teachers, students, parents and members of our community has increased with each meeting. No action was taken at this time.

Distance Learning Plan Due to Health-Based School Closure #6172.61 (New Policy)

During the July 28, 2020 policy meeting, the committee completed a revision of this policy based on input from administrators. We will send the updated version to Meg Wright with the changes and add to the September 1, 2020 Regular Board Meeting for 1st Reading.

Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies #6114.8 (New Policy/Regulation)

The committee discussed the policy at some length. There are many components of the policy as it is presented. It was the general feeling that the pandemic policies should be part of the Pandemic Response Plan because they are so specific to our response to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Our policies are being developed as part of the overall response to school openings and closings and implementation will depend on guidance, executive orders or legislation from The Governor, The CT State Dept. Of Education, the Dept of Public Health, Chatham Health District, as well as the Centers for Disease Control. The Mask policy, which is part of the Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies Policy should be included in the Pandemic Response Plan. Masks are mandated by CDC, DPH and Executive Orders and CSDE guidelines and expectations are in the Portland Schools Reopening plan and will be included in the Pandemic Response Plan. Disciplinary actions as detailed in Policy 5131 clearly state” that a student’s rights must be weighed against the rights of others, disruptions to the education process will result in disciplinary actions”.

Review CABA Updates It was noted that the work of the policy committee is focus on the reopening of schools and related policies as needed. Past updates will be addressed as time allows.

Our next meeting is August 17, 2020 at 3PM Via Google Meet

Meeting adjourned at 6:24PM

Submitted by:
Meg Scata