

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Denise Day, Tom Newkirk, Dan Klein, Suzanne Filippone, James Morse, Wendy DiFruscio,
Visitors:

Denise Day began the meeting by clarifying that the first policy on the agenda – JIC- Student Conduct was okay as is and that this policy was waiting until the subsequent policy JICD – Student Discipline and Due Process was completed and would go for a first read at the same time. The committee was in agreement with that.

Suzanne Filippone began by following up on the questions that the committee had for her from the last meeting in terms of how much leeway to change the language that is proposed. Additionally, the language is clear on how to expel, but is contradictory to how to re-instate a student and also who is the governing decision maker – the superintendent or school board.

Suzanne confirmed that the Superintendent cannot expel a student and that this falls to the School Board.

Jim informed the committee that both Rebecca and Jay are up to speed on the changes pertaining to this policy.

Tom requested clarification on the RSA's that are referred to on the second page of the policy under the heading of "Possession of a Firearm" is this language modifiable or is it the law. Jim suggested that this policy be sent back to legal for an answer to that question. There was a brief discussion surrounding a class project or activity that could possibly fall under this.

Denise moved the meeting forward to the procedure for this policy and that the language echoes what is in the policy.

Tom questioned number 5 on the second page pertaining to long-term suspension is in contradiction to the wording in the policy. Jim clarified a possible definition of this language and that this gives you an interim step, and if there is an appeal, it would remain in effect until the state hears the case.

Denise asked the committee if they had any additional questions or concerns.

Dan clarified that the existing JICD policy will be deleted when the new policy is in effect.

Suzanne stated that for the next meeting JICH – Student Drug and Alcohol Use will be on the agenda. Dan asked if the policy concerning Hiring of Coaches could also be added.

There were no additional questions or comments. Meeting ended at 3:45 PM – Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio
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