

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 @ 3:30 PM

Attendees: Kenny Rotner, Denise Day, Tom Newkirk, James Morse, Catherine Plourde, Wendy DiFruscio

Visitors: 0

Denise called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Dr. Morse opened the meeting with policy and procedure JICJ (A) – Technology Devices – K-8 Cell Phones/Personal Devices. He stated that this was being brought back to the committee from the School Board meeting after their review, for a final check before sending forward as a first read at the May 16 meeting. The committee re-reviewed and made a few additional changes and added the exceptions listed in the procedure to the policy. At this point Jim asked Catherine Plourde to join the meeting to clarify the language used for the exceptions was accurate. She agreed. Policy Committee asked a few additional questions and Catherine left the meeting at this point. A format change to the procedure was made to keep it consistent with the current language. This policy and procedure will go back to the Board for a first read.

Jim resumed the meeting with review of the Addendum to the Bullying and Non-Discrimination policies that was created earlier. This was re-reviewed by the committee and will now be re-coded as AC (A) R and Denise will inform the Board that this is being done at the Board meeting on May 16th.

Policy IGE – Parental Objections to Specific Course Material – was brought forward due to a mandatory change for notification to parents and guardians. This language will be added to the existing policy. The committee asked what the current practice is and if this would be a change to what is currently happening. The policy will go for a first read.

Policy IHAM – Health Education and Exemption from Instruction – This policy is also being brought forward for a mandatory change for notification to parents and guardians and will be brought to the Board for a first read.

Policy IMDA – Patriotic Exercises – Discussion ensued as to whether this policy is needed. It was decided that the policy would be updated, and the name changed to Recognition of Our National Heritage and be sent for a first read.

Meeting ended at 4:30 PM – Next meeting June 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio