

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

Attendees: Denise Day, Matt Bacon, Dan Klein, James Morse, Suzanne Filippone, Wendy DiFruscio

Absent:

Visitors: Shannon Caron, Kim Felch

Jim Morse began the meeting by asking for nominations for a chair for this committee. Dan Klein nominated Denise Day, seconded by Matt Bacon. Jim asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none a vote was taken of 3-0. Denise Day is the chair of this committee.

Denise began the meeting by introducing Policy JLDDB – Suicide Prevention and Response and turned the meeting over to Kim Felch and Shannon Caron who were an integral part of reviewing, revising, and presenting this modified version.

Kim began the review by explaining the changes that were made and the reasoning behind those changes. The committee asked clarifying questions for some of those changes including the difference between the District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and a Building Level Suicide Prevention Liaison, if the DEIJ Coordinator was involved in the review, and should we include this policy as a reference to our District Crisis Plan.

The committee made a couple of changes to clarify the language and suggested removal of some additional language. This policy is ready for a first read by the School Board.

Shannon Caron and Kim Felch left the meeting at 4:45 PM.

The following three policies BBAA, BBAB and BDB were returned to the committee after Denise had a chance to review and bring back her suggested changes and possible deletions due to repetition of information. Policy BBAA – School Board Member Authority was reviewed, and language was added under the Liaison heading and addition of Cross References. Policy BBAB – Roles and Duties of the School Board Chairperson was reviewed and compared to Policy BDB, and it was determined that it contained the same information and that language pertaining to the Vice-Chair will be pulled from BDB and added to BBAB along with the cross references.

Policy BDB – Board Officers along with the procedure document will be deleted. All of these listed policies will be returned to the Policy Committee meeting in November for review before moving to the School Board for a first read.

Policy B.1 – Acknowledge School Board Candidates for Office was reviewed, and suggested language was added. It was suggested that the revised policy return to the committee in November and that the Superintendent will schedule a meeting with the school PTOs to discuss.

Policy BBBF – Student Representative to the School Board was reviewed. A discussion ensued about a student representative joining a non-public session. No changes were made, and this policy will state the date reviewed with no further action.

Policy EBBB – Indoor Air Quality was reviewed and compared to the NHSBA version. It was determined that the addition of the word “water” will be added to current policy along with the addition of cross references. This policy is ready for a first read.

There was no additional questions or comments. Meeting ended at 4:35 PM – Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio