

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017@ 3:30 PM

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

Visitors: Ben and Grace Caudill

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

Denise opened the meeting by inviting the visitors, Ben and Grace Caudill to speak regarding the nondiscrimination policy that is up for review. Discussion surrounding having a specific policy pertaining to racism and whether the District has a copy of the Coalition's policy that was available at the Forum. Questions and clarification given on what the strike outs and different color fonts were in the policy. Lengthy discussion between the parties. Jim stated that he believes that we can find a common ground, and with the Board's permission, make an addendum to both the nondiscrimination and bullying policy that would be more specific in terms of race. Ben and Grace thanked the committee for inviting them and left the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity – minor changes were made to the policy and is ready for a first read.

Policy JICK – Bullying and Cyberbullying Pupil Safety and Violence Prevention – This policy was brought forward again as it was reviewed by legal counsel. It was determined that the existing policy was up to date and a minor revision of moving one section of the policy under another heading within the policy was completed. Questions were asked, and a discussion ensued with the result of sending this policy for a first read.

Policy JLCE - Emergency Care and First Aid – This policy was reviewed. Language was updated in the third paragraph and the authorization section was removed and will be turned into a procedure for this policy. This is ready for a first read.

Policy GBCD – Background Investigation and Criminal Records Check – This policy has been reviewed by legal counsel on two separate occurrences with the changes depicted in blue and green. Jim explained the newest changes were due to a change in the law. Policy member asked a clarifying question which was answered. This policy will go for a first read.

Policy IJOC – School Volunteers – The existing version, NHSBA version and the October 26, 2016 version were reviewed. A lengthy discussion resulted in this policy being placed on hold until verification of the current practice and legal clarification is obtained.

Meeting ended at 4:40 PM – Next meeting December 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy L. DiFruscio