

Board Policy Review Committee Meeting Notes

Borough Building, Conference Room C

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: July 11, 2011, 5:30 PM

Members: Liz Downing– Present
Sunni Hilts - Present
Dave Jones – Present
Sammy Crawford – Present
Laurie Olson –Present
Steve Atwater - Present

Guests:
Sean Dusek – Present
Lynn Hohl – Present
Tim Navarre – Present
Clayton Holland - Present

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 6/6/11 were approved.

Review of Policies

➤ *BP 5124 Communication with Parents/Guardians*

The administration recommends editing this policy to reflect the change in the student database program to PowerSchool from Discovery.

- Discussion and decision to change PowerSchool to “District student information system” so there is not a need to change this again in the future.
- Insert “appropriate” between provide and access to now read “provide appropriate access”

➤ *AR 5131.1 Bus Conduct*

Administration recommends adding qualifier which allows service animals to ride on a school bus per the recent changes in the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. These changes are reflected in our newly proposed policy *BP 0411 Service Animals*.

➤ *BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs*

The administration recommends specifying “synthetic drugs” and specifically “K2 and Spice” to the Prohibited and Substances and Items list.

Question and discussion about bath salts (the latest synthetic drug hat can be ordered over the internet) however, administration recommends going along with K2 and Spice due to the recent change in state statute.

➤ *BP 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments & AR 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments*

The administration recommends aligning this policy and AR with the current AASB policy. The policy further defines “firearm”. The AR goes into detail on the method which may be used by the student to seek early reinstatement.

- Discussion on length of suspensions—state law requires 30 days but even though that is required, it can be modified
- Discussion on definitions
- Discussion on students with disabilities

➤ *AR 5144 Discipline Guide*

The administration recommends changing this AR to be more comprehensive to today's discipline needs and to better represent the needs of the State's discipline reporting requirements. Additionally, we have combined this into one table for both elementary and secondary disciplines (versus the original two tables). Note that most of the discipline information was identical anyway.

- Discussion on use of portable electronic devices. Change first item from "telecommunication devices" to "portable electronic devices" and delete the final line "and other portable electronic devices".
- Inappropriate use of computer is covered under Internet Policy. Also, add here??
- Replace all "call home" to "parent/guardian contact"
- Discussion on harassment.
- Discussion of differing amounts of suspension dependent on length of blade with administration authorized to suspend up to 45 days for possession of a weapon with a 30-day minimum.

➤ *AR 6153 School-Sponsored Trips*

The administration recommends adding the information per the Section 504, IDEA and ADA regarding who can and cannot be excluded from field trips.

- Discussions inappropriate prohibition of a field trip for misbehavior

Discussion on "Insubordination" on both page 25 and page 28 in *AR 5144 Discipline Guide* .

Dave handed out the text of HB 15 which was passed by legislature having to do with concussions. He also distributed a draft of a new policy re: concussions. Bill becomes law August 21st, our sports start August 1st. Require that fall sports coaches get training before season starts. Teams will have parent/student meetings. Parent must sign off that student has received the education. This will come back as a new policy, currently, it will be an administrative procedure.

- Discussions on fast tracking policy
- Discussions on inclusion in KPSAA Handbook
- Dave is awaiting a call from AASB re what they are doing with this policy.

➤ *AR 0420 School-Based Management/Site Councils*

There wasn't sufficient time to discuss Lynn's input on this AR. Dave noted that administration will be encapsulating this and sending to site councils for input and comments.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40pm