

Board of Education, Ellington, CT Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

The Policy Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the School Administration Building, 47 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

Attendees: Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent, Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations, Ms. Patti Patton, Food Services Supervisor
Committee Members: Ms. Ann Marie Hayes, Ms. Tracey Kiff-Judson, Ms. Jaime Foster, Ms. Kris Picard-Wambolt
Absent Committee Member: Mr. Michael Purcaro

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Picard-Wambolt.

Citizens & Staff Forum: No one addressed the committee.

Discussion Items:

1. Continued Review of Policy 3280 – Gifts, Grants, and Bequests (Crowdfunding)

At our last Policy Committee meeting, we began a discussion on crowdfunding and determined it would be best to include the topic of crowdfunding as part of another policy rather than have it as a stand-alone policy. Tonight, Dr. Nicol presented a proposed revision of the above referenced policy to include crowdfunding. During our discussion, Ms. Kiff-Judson located another related policy, Policy 1324 – Fund Raising within the heading of Community Relations. It was agreed that the crowdfunding language should be included in that policy as well. It was also noted that policy requires some additional attention regarding minor, non-substantive changes. Dr. Nicol will make the necessary changes to both policies and the committee will review the revised policies at our next Policy Committee meeting.

2. Continued Review of Policy 5141.213 – Naloxone Use in School Setting

Dr. Nicol informed the committee that Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services is concerned about rushing into this policy. She has been doing a great deal of research regarding this topic and this policy including seeking input from additional stakeholders. She plans to be prepared to recommend a policy to the committee at our August Policy Committee meeting.

3. Review of Policy 6142.101 – Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy)

This mandated policy was revised due to Federal legislative changes that now require the inclusion of “goals” within the policy. Dr. Nicol used this opportunity to further review the policy with Mr. Greenleaf and Ms. Patton with an eye toward streamlining the current policy. The concern is that if the policy is not simplified it will be more difficult to thoroughly implement. Additionally, the work of the Wellness Committee should not be driven by a prescriptive policy, but should have flexibility to create a doable, simple wellness plan with measurable goals. The committee did suggest several language changes to the proposed policy revision. Ms. Foster voiced some concerns regarding the streamlining of the policy. She requested the committee take some time to further consider this policy. She also requested the committee review Policy 5141.25 – Students with Special Health Care Needs – Food Allergy Management & Guidelines. The committee agreed.

Old business/New Business

None

Adjournment

Ms. Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kiff-Judson. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Picard-Wambolt at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____
Kris Picard-Wambolt, Policy Committee Chairperson