

Policy Committee Meeting
Central Office – Library
January 17, 2017
MINUTES

Present: Julie Bruni, Ellen DeCotiis, Alan Dube, Trevor Hustus, Charlene Libby

Also Present: Mick Roy, Rae Theriault, Susan Dunn, Donna Jordan, Robert Deakin

Absent: Sara Champagne, Noah Oja, Philip Pomerleau

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Mr. Dube, Committee Chair.

IMG – Animals in Schools and at School Functions: The nurses sent a letter to the Policy Committee earlier in the day asking the Committee to address these concerns before bringing the policy to first reading. Mr. Dube will make a motion at the Board meeting later in the evening to remove IMG from the Board agenda. He would like the Committee to review the nurses' letter thoroughly and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting. It will be the first item on the next Policy Committee agenda.

IMGA – Service Animals in Schools: The committee was reminded that our existing policy was very outdated; it actually asked for information that was illegal. The current policy refers to 504s and IEPs as requirements for service animals. Can this be added? Ms. Theriault will contact legal counsel regarding this question. Mr. Dube would like the committee to review the present policy and the recommended policy. Ms. Libby made a motion to table this item until the next meeting so that legal counsel can be contacted; seconded by Ms. Bruni. Voted Yes, All in Favor. This item will be added to the next Policy Committee agenda.

BBBAA – Student Representation on the Board: Student Board Representative Trevor Hustus brought forth this policy. He had suggested several changes. The changes were reviewed. It was decided to add a section entitled “ Student Subcommittee Appointments.” Language from the second paragraph will be moved to this section in an effort to remove confusion between the Student Board Representative and student representatives assigned to Board subcommittees. Ms. DeCotiis made a motion to approve the agreed upon changes; seconded by Ms. Libby. Voted Yes, All in Favor.

Ms. Theriault and Mr. Roy will make the changes regarding the Student Board subcommittees. After this is done, the revised policy will be sent to all Board members. If in agreement, the policy will be sent for first reading.

Changes were also made to the administrative procedure (BBBAA-R).

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AC – Non-Discriminaton / Equal Opportunity & Affirmative Action: No changes needed to be made to this policy other than the updating of legal references. This policy will be marked as reviewed.

ACAA – Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students: This policy was not discussed, so it will be added to the next Policy Committee agenda.

Moved by Ms. Libby; seconded by Ms. DeCotiis to adjourn 6:15 p.m.
Voted Yes, All in Favor

Next Meeting: February 6 – **4:30** PM @ CO Library