

Policy Committee Meeting
Central Office – Library
June 5, 2017
MINUTES

Present: J. Bruni, E. DeCotiis, A. Dube, C. Libby, T. Hustus, P. Penna, M. Roy, C. Gleason, D. Janotta, D. Nadeau, K. Poulin

Absent: R. Bowley, S. Champagne

The meeting began at 5:20 p.m.

Handbooks: Principals Gleason (Hollis Elementary) and Nadeau (Bonny Eagle Middle School) were present to discuss proposed changes to the student handbooks. Ms. Nadeau outlined the changes she was proposing to the BEMS handbook and the reasons for those changes. The Committee suggested:

- Adding the word “hoverboarding” on page 6 under the After School section.
- Under Attendance, change full day to a percentage of the day or a “minimum of 3 hours.” Ms. Nadeau will rewrite this section.

Mr. Gleason presented the changes to the elementary handbooks. All elementary schools use the same handbook with the exception of their staff pages. No additional changes were suggested by the Committee.

JL-Wellness Policy: Krista Poulin, Curriculum Coordinator, and Dorothy Janotta, Food Service Manager, were present to discuss proposed changes to the Wellness Policy. The Wellness Committee reviewed the *Hungry Healthy Kids Act of 2010*. The final rule had changes that needed to be reflected in the new policy. The Wellness Committee proposed a complete rewrite. The drafted policy was shown to the Administrative Team for comments. The Policy Committee made several comments regarding the proposed changes:

- Parents need to know the District has a Wellness Policy.
- Include the policy in the first day packets; refer to it in the student handbooks.
- Be consistent with the wording – “District” throughout the policy.
- Delineate between what is policy and what is administrative procedure.
- Remove the word “encourage” and replace it with expected throughout the document.
- Add language in the policy suggesting staff to use the District’s Food Service Department for school parties to ensure good nutrition.
- The policy should not restrict fundraising. *The law covers what can and cannot be sold during the school day. There are no restrictions for after school.*”

Ms. Poulin and Ms. Janotta will make further revisions to the policy and send it back to the Policy Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 19 @ 5:15 p.m.