

Policy Subcommittee Minutes

13 January 2009

Called to order: 6:56 p.m.

Present: Pete Carson, Berta Erickson, Jim Frey

Minutes from prior meeting approved.

Items of business:

1. Marijuana policy – Berta has obtained a copy of the letter from the chief of police that was issued to High School students in December. This will be circulated at the next meeting as background material for further consideration of impact on policy. Still need direct input from Police and Counselors on what effect this will have on district policies. Relevant Policies:
 - a. ADB: Alcohol & Drug-Free Schools
 - b. IHAMA: Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco
 - c. JIC: Student Conduct
 - d. JICH: Drug and Alcohol Student Policy
 - e. JICI: Weapons
 - f. JK-E-1: Student Discipline Procedures/Infractions

Focus was on JICH and JICI, and the disparity regarding how and when expulsion can be used as a punishment. One path could be to remove the controlled substances, so that it only focuses on weapons.

Also at issue is the HS Student Handbook, and how policies and rules have been enforced during this current school year.

2. Advertising Policy KGD – draft 10. Committee reviewed and agreed to proposed changes. A reference page of examples of each type of agreement was reviewed, and will be reformatted and included for review by the full committee (as File KGD-R), once it is edited and updated to accommodate the newly added Commercial Services category.
3. Remaining schedule for meetings. We will need to switch from 2nd Tuesdays of each month to 1st Tuesdays of each month, in order to accommodate member conflicts. In addition, we will consider adding an extra meeting each of the next few months.

Action items:

1. Committee to review all of the policies called out above regarding drug possession and disciplinary policies plus law references and consider changes.
2. Next meeting – we need direct input from the superintendent, the high school principal, and the local law enforcement in order to better inform potential policy changes regarding enforcement of drug possession.

3. Present KGD (plus addendum) to the full school committee for consideration at next school committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.