

Harvard Public Schools - School Committee, Policy Subcommittee

Approved meeting minutes

May 11, 2020 10-12 - Meeting hosted on Zoom

Members Present: Shannon Molloy, Suzie Allen, Linda Dwight

Others present: Dan Daly

Called to order 10:00am

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Booster Policies- review public comments
3. Adjourn

Minutes

- Open to public comment
- Dan Daly, Littleton Rd
 - Alcohol policy- suggests a different place or manner in which to place that policy.
 - Budget worksheet provided feedback- boosters can not respond to what schools needs are until school delineates what the needs are.
 - Additional burden?
 - Guidance vs requirements- make a clear distinction between them
- Feedback collected through Linda
 - People hesitant speak at public meetings but giving feedback to Linda
 - Fanfare, Celebration, PTO, HST, want the policy to be specific to athletics- they already see a structure in place to take in donations through grant approval process- school side (teachers, admin, etc) ask for funds and then SC approves
 - Alcohol statement- lawyer feedback says we can change wording from school related event to booster sponsored event
 - Fanfare- use of mailing meter- lawyer says that this should stand (groups should not use schools mailing)
 - 501c3 groups felt they should be exempt from this policy
 - Boosters for lax and soccer expressed concerns
 - Felt policy was written top down
 - Clothing for kids should be theirs
 - Timeline is restrictive
- Shannon feedback
 - Tone of meeting was collaborative
 - How do we achieve compliance without overburdening?
 - Celebration felt that it would be OK to CC us on state paperwork
 - Distinction of athletics vs curriculum enrichment
 - PTO and HST currently transparent

- Need to work on Fanfare practices to bring them up to same level of transparency
- Clubs are under school - goes under student activity account- strict auditing and goes out to benefit that club good oversight through Aziz's office
- Hockey, football, cheer, crew- not under our district- our students could participate in fundraising for those but our district does not hold that money
- HST- wants teachers to have grassroots funding that is flexible and immediately available to teachers for impromptu needs
- MASC model = parent/booster orgs together
- KBE- change to superintendent rather than principal- delineate what paperwork needs to be filed with district
- PTO and HST: PTO- regulated by DESE and HST community org
 - HST is a community org giving money to school
 - Celebration- has own insurance, 501c3 org, not a school event, fill out a building rental form, pay custodians, used to fundraise under PTO but no longer is under PTO
 - Fanfare- also separate community organization similar to HST
 - Process already in place to accept gifts - volunteers would be turned off- not HPS but work on behalf of HPS
- HAA umbrella org - funnel money through that Tom Hill running general fund

Questions?

- Should we approve Title IX review before we move forward with booster policy
- What differences should there be between HST, PTO, Fanfare and Celebration and sports boosters?
 - Focus on athletics for the booster policy?

Friday 10/15 8am

Letter to booster and support organizations

Monday 5/18 10-12

Agenda

Booster discussion loose end tie up after full committee

Policy- KBE

Adjourn 12:05 pm