

Harvard Public Schools - School Committee, Policy Subcommittee

Approved Minutes

Date: 8/13/2021

Members present: Abby Besse, Suzanne Allen, Linda Dwight

Members absent:

Others present:

Location: Remote meeting via Zoom

Meeting convened at: 8:00

Agenda:

1. Public comment - None
2. Minutes Approval - Approved without changes
3. Covid Policy Review:
 - a. Pooled testing update - will continue as planned for 2021-22 school year.
 - i. State will continue to pay for testing for the duration of the school year
 - ii. HPS planning a drive up testing day 8/25 (before school begins)
 - b. Policy Subcommittee began revising and editing the "Responding to Known or Suspected COVID-19 Cases" Policy
 - i. Reviewed recent quarantining guidance from DESE and Incorporated the "Test and Stay" program into the policy where students who are considered close contacts can get testing via BINAX-NOW test at school for five days. Negative test results will allow students and staff to remain in school rather than isolate at home.

Adjourned: 9:00

Next meeting: 8/23 at 9:00 am

Minutes: Abby Besse