

Harvard Public Schools - School Committee, Policy Subcommittee

10/18 Approved Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/18/2021

Members present: Abby Besse, Suzanne Allen, Linda Dwight

Members absent:

Others present:

Location: Remote meeting via Zoom

Meeting convened at: 10:00

Agenda:

1. Public comment
 - a. Kelly Callagan, Old Littleton Rd. - concerned about tightening of COVID policies
 - b. Kevin Callagan, Old Littleton Rd. - advocating for HES masks to be removed in light of student COVID data
 - c. Michaela Taranto, Woodside Dr. - concerned about teacher vaccine mandate occurring in the middle of the school year
2. Minutes Approval - approved
 - a. 9/21, 10/4, and 10/12 all approved with no changes
3. J Policy Review
 - a. Abby reviewed all the J policies on the HPS website and found many that were not updated with the most recently revised and updated policy. Linda asked HPS webmaster to update the policies ASAP.
 - b. Policy Subcommittee reviewed several J policies.
 - i. JHD - reviewed by legal counsel and will bring to full committee for vote of approval on 10/25
 - ii. JICF - made a minor change and will bring to full committee for a first read once it has been reviewed by legal counsel
 - iii. JICH - reviewed HPS JICH and compared it to the most recent version by MASC and it was decided to include tobacco use in this document.
 - iv. JICG - recommending to rescind as the contents regarding tobacco use was included in the JICH. Will bring to full committee when JICH is returned by legal counsel.
 - v. JIH - reviewed and updated policy and will bring to full committee for first read when JICH is returned from legal counsel
4. Covid Policy Review:

No COVID policy changes but the subcommittee reviewed the stipulations of some current HPS policies to ensure that all are clear on what is required (or not required). Discussed the idea of allowing volunteers to test at the school prior to volunteer service rather than show proof of vaccination.

Adjourned: 11:43

Next meeting: 11/1 10:00 am

Minutes: Abby Besse