

Harvard Public Schools - School Committee, Policy Subcommittee

11/1 Approved Meeting Minutes

Date:11/1/2021

Members present: Abby Besse, Suzanne Allen, Linda Dwight

Members absent:

Others present:

Location: Remote meeting via Zoom

Meeting convened at: 10:10

Agenda:

1. Public comment -
 - a. Crystal Porter, Myrick Lane , questioned the goal of young children wearing masks; please remove masks; masks are not effective. Will email data to Suzie regarding ineffectiveness of masks.
 - b. Keli Callagan, Old Littleton Rd., - masks; 6 lawsuits against DESE regarding mask mandates. Florida is seeing decreased cases with no masks.
 - c. Kevin Callagan, Old Littleton Rd., - take a common sense approach to masking. Masks are not working. A cold ripped through Kindergarten. Take masks off.
 - d. Rachel Kopay, Littleton County Rd., - it's great that all viewpoints are represented. Supports the work of our committee to keep our community safe.
2. Minutes Approval - 10/18 approved with no changes
3. Covid Policy Review:

Mask Policy - Subcommittee discussed, deliberated, and revised the mask policy to include a January 15 date when any masking changes will occur, following DESE guidelines for mask removal, and providing the Superintendent with the ability to mandate masks for a period of time if there is an outbreak.
4. J Policy
 - a. The entire A and J policy catalogs were reviewed to ensure that the most recently updated policy is on the HPS website.
 - b. JICH - Substance Abuse was returned to the subcommittee by legal counsel and had significant changes. The subcommittee reviewed all of the changes. Linda will reach out to the nursing staff for a few pieces of information and finalized policy will be brought to the full committee on 11/8 for review, deliberation, and vote.

- c. JICG - Subcommittee is recommending rescinding this tobacco use policy as tobacco products are included in the newly revised JICH policy

Adjourned: 11:42

Next meeting: TBD

Minutes: Abby Besse