

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

6:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Spring-Ford Area School District strives to be educationally relevant, focused on achievement and growth, and have a priority on people so that students are fully prepared to positively contribute to their society.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started at 6:37 p.m. and concluded at 7:38 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Board Members – Colleen Zasowski (Chair), Tom DiBello, Wendy Earle, Linda Fazzini, Margaret Wright
- District Representatives – Dr. David Goodin, Bob Rizzo
- Community Members – Will Cromley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

II. MINUTES - From February 10, 2020

-February 10, 2019 minutes were approved

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Medical excuse update

i. School Messenger Update - SafeArrival

- Updated provided. Bob and Erin met with Lorraine Moyer and Betsy Mastrocola to solicit input. They have questions and we are reaching out to SchoolMessenger to get answers. Currently planning a webinar and discussion for all who manage attendance on April 8.

B. Conflict with Trips and Other Activities

i. Administration recommends this be sent to extra-curricular as part of the handbook review process.

- Committee agreed to push this to the Extra-Curricular Committee. Administration shared that coaches were (or will be) notified of updated language and handbook will be brought to the next Extra-Curricular Committee meeting.

C. Policy 204 – Attendance

- Committee made several revisions to policy. Policy will be brought back to the committee for one more read before being sent to the solicitor for review.

- Some highlights include:

- Compulsory school age changed from ages 8-17 to ages 6-18
- Parent/Guardian changed to “person in parental relation”
- “Magisterial district” was added before judge throughout policy
- Language updated to reflect current practices and compulsory attendance revisions
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D. Policy 702.2 – Crowdfunding (New Policy)

- i. Reduced policy with accompanying administrative regulations
- New format discussed. Discussion ensued regarding the combining of both fundraising policies into one. Under the advisement of the solicitor and further investigation, the committee agreed to not combine them and adopt the newly formatted policy with accompanying administrative regulations. Policy will be brought forward for a first reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy 138 – Language Instruction Education Program for English Learner

- Committee briefly reviewed policy after solicitor reviewed and made minor edits. Policy will be brought forward for a first reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

B. Policy 220 – Student Expressions

- i. One language recommendation by solicitor
- ii. Added numbering and primarily formatting adjustments
- Policy discussed and will be brought forward for a first reading at the upcoming Board meeting.

C. Updating legal references on policies

- i. Policies 123, 218, 247, 249, 815, 819 all reference retired policy 248
 - 1. Should be updated to reference policy 103
- ii. Policy 815 references policies 248 and 348
 - 1. Should be updated to reference policies 103 and 104
- These suggestions were not discussed. They will be brought back in the April meeting for consideration.

D. Policy 102.1 – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy (Policy name/number still to be considered)

- i. Scheduled to meet with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to discuss the initial feedback received from the solicitor. Will bring back in April for further consideration.
- Administration shared that this policy will be pushed back to the Equity and Inclusion Committee for further consideration and then sent to the solicitor for a second review.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Policies coming soon for consideration

- i. Policy 816 – Use of Audio and Video Monitoring Equipment
- ii. Policy 222 – Tobacco
- iii. Policy 227 – Drug Abuse

- iv. Policy 323, 423, 523 – Tobacco Use
- v. Policy 351, 451, 551 – Drug and Substance Abuse

X. ACTIONABLE ITEMS

A. Policies brought forward for a first reading

- i. Policy 138 – Language Instruction Education Program for English Learner
- ii. Policy 220 – Student Expression
- iii. Policy 702.2 – Crowdfunding

XI. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING

XII. BOARD COMMENT

XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

XIV. ADJOURNMENT