

# SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 6:28 p.m. and concluded at 7:36 p.m.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

- Board Members – Tom DiBello, Wendy Early, Linda Fazzini, Diane Sullivan, Margaret Wright
- District Representatives – Jeff Kollar, Beth Leiss, Rob Moyer, Bob Rizzo
- Community Members – Will Cromley

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

#### II. MINUTES - From November 11, 2019 and January 13, 2020

-November 11, 2019 and January 13, 2020 minutes were approved

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Medical excuse update

##### i. School Messenger discussion and memo

- Updated provided. Erin Crew, Bob Rizzo, Lorraine Moyer, and Betsy Mastrocola participated in a demo of SchoolMessenger's SafeArrival. Additionally, Erin Crew has reached out to North Penn to learn about their roll-out and teacher/public perception. More to be considered and brought back to March Policy meeting.

##### B. Conflict with Trips and Other Activities

##### i. Tentative DRAFT language to still be considered

1. Participation in sports and other extra-curricular activities requires a commitment which Spring-Ford takes very seriously. As such, students are expected to maintain regular attendance throughout their season. Failure to regularly attend practices, games, and/or performances may result in a student being removed from the roster. Additionally, conflicts with other activities and school functions may arise. When conflicts such as these occur, the student shall not be disciplined or receive any type of punitive removal from participation in games and/or performances. However, coaches/sponsors shall maintain the right to best roster his/her team. If, due to an extended absence

(school sponsored or not), a coach/sponsor determines that a student is not fit to compete/perform, he/she shall work closely with the coach/sponsor to determine (1) when the student may resume normal participation and (2) what the student should do to become eligible in the most expedient manner. The expectation is that the coach and/or club sponsor, student, and parents will maintain open communication during this transition period.

- Discussed a draft version of the language and provided some context for this as well as the creation of a handbook for coaches and club sponsors. Will continue to be refined and shared with the committee.

C. Policy 204 – Attendance

– Discussion tabled due to lack of time to appropriately dig into the policy. Will be brought back in March for consideration and review. Committee plans to make Policy 204 a priority item for the March committee meeting.

D. Policy 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services (New Policy)

- i. No edits recommended by solicitor

- 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.

E. Policy 808 – Food Services (Adopted in 1991)

- i. Required for auditing purposes
- ii. 2 recommended changes by the solicitor

- 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.

F. Policy 702.2 – Crowdfunding (New Policy)

- i. A few solicitor comments and recommended language adjustments

- While the solicitor reviewed and made some minor suggestions, the committee discussed whether it was (1) a better fit to be included in Policy 229 (Student Fundraising) and could be revised to reflect a brief policy with more explicit language housed in a related Administrative Guidelines section. Administration will consult with the solicitor and bring back a revised version in March.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

- Policy was discussed and revised. Committee recommended that the policy be sent to the solicitor and brought back to the committee in February for further review.

B. Policy 220 – Student Expressions

- i. One language recommendation by solicitor
- ii. Added numbering and primarily formatting adjustments

- Committee recommended additional consideration for specific language that is unclear and may not be necessary. Will be revised and brought back to the committee in March.

- C. Policy 102.1 – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy (Policy name/number still to be considered)
  - Beth Leiss discussed the value of having a policy in place. Administration shared that the name and number are subject to change but the language is a collaborative effort from many. Committee recommended the policy be sent to the solicitor and brought back to the committee in March for further 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
  - Administration informed the committee that these policies will be coming forward for consideration in upcoming committee meetings.

**X. ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

- A. Policies brought forward for a first reading
  - i. Policy 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services
  - ii. Policy 808 – Food Services
- B. Policies to be sent to the solicitor for review
  - i. Policy 138 – Language Instruction Education Program for English Learner
  - ii. Policy 102.1 – Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy
- C. Policies to be revised and brought back to the committee
  - i. Policy 702.2 – Crowdfunding
  - ii. Policy 220 – Student Expressions

**XI. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**XII. BOARD COMMENT**

**XIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**