

Present: Laurie Hunter, Dorothy Presser (MASC), Alexa Anderson, Fatima Mezdad, Eva Mostoufi

1. Ms. Mezdad called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Roll call attendance was taken: Anderson, present; Mezdad, present; Mostoufi, present.
2. Vote to Approve Minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Mezdad, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to approve the meeting minutes of 12.10.20. The motion passed by roll call: Anderson, aye; Mezdad, aye; Mostoufi, aye.
3. Policies to be Reviewed:
 - File KEC – Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials
 - File JFABB – Admission of Exchange Students
 - File JIH – Searches and Interrogations
 - File JII – Student Complaints and Grievances
 - File JJ – Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities
 - File JJ-E – Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities

File: KEC – Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials. Ms. Presser confirmed that MASC did not have a KEC policy, but did have IJ-R – Reconsideration of Instructional Resources, which covers the same topic. Dr. Hunter noted the process being implemented in the district of proactively reviewing instructional materials before adoption. Ms. Presser noted that Policy KEC lays out the process for Policy IJ-R. Ms. Mezdad suggested that the Policy Subcommittee vet the committee reviewing instructional materials prior to putting this policy in place. Subcommittee members discussed dialogue in the process as well as the use of alternative materials. Ms. Presser noted that if the Superintendent put the committee together to review materials, it is not the SC’s role to vet the material. Dr. Hunter suggested that she compile a draft that includes philosophies she has heard. Ms. Mezdad suggesting giving more time to review the policy to wait and see the work of the committee. Dr. Hunter suggested putting a placeholder to bring the policy back in May and members agreed.

File: JFABB – Admission of Exchange Students. After discussion, the subcommittee agreed to edit the policy so the approval is given by the Superintendent’s Office instead of the School Committee. The subcommittee agreed to bring it to the School Committee in February for a 1st reading.

File: JIH - Searches and Interrogations. The subcommittee compared the current district version and the current MASC version of this policy, agreeing that the extra language in the district’s policy made sense to include. The subcommittee agreed to keep the policy as is, but date it to show that it has been reviewed. The policy will be brought to the School Committee for a 1st reading.

File: JII – Student Complaints and Grievances. After discussion, the subcommittee agreed to adopt MASC’s 2019 more general version of this policy. The policy will be brought to the School Committee for a 1st reading.

File: JJ and JJ-E- Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities. Ms. Mezdad questioned why there was also a policy JJ-E with the same title and Ms. Presser noted that MASC does not have a policy JJ-E and was unsure as to why this policy existed in the district. Dr. Hunter stated that she thought it might have been to be very explicit about the MA general laws that pertained to the policy, noting that if the policy is kept, it needs to be reviewed by legal counsel to make sure it is updated. Ms. Presser stated that the link to CMR (Code of MA Regulations) would ensure that the policy is updated since the CMR is always accurate. Dr. Hunter stated that she would send the policy to legal for review.

4. Public Comments. None.

Dr. Hunter stated that there was a policy adopted by the Concord Select Board around sustainability and vehicle purchasing that references a similar school committee policy, noting that one does not currently exist in the district. She stated that Concord Sustainability Director, Kate Hanley, would be attending the next policy meeting in February to help bridge this gap.

5. Adjournment. A motion was made by Ms. Mezdad, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by roll call: Anderson, aye; Mezdad, aye; Mostoufi, aye, and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Higgins

Approved: 2.25.21