

Educational Policy Committee
Minutes
October 1, 2019 7:00-8:30pm at Chef's Table

Members: Iris Silverstein, Angela LeClair, Cherieann Harrison, Debbie Smith, Craig Stickney

Absent: Lidie Robbins,

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Tina Meserve, Laura Columbia, Matt Allen

1. Very brief overview of PBE presentation for October 8 Board meeting (5 minutes)
 - a. History and Changes
 - b. Implementations of 19/20
 - c. PBE Survey w/Admin and Teacher Perspective
 - d. PBE Survey Educational Policy Feedback
 - e. Next Steps and Recommendations
2. Review Policy
 - a. Iris Silverstein reviewed shared concerns that our policies are not in alignment with each other. They share the impact of suspensions and zero-tolerance policies on students. They feel the MSMA policies are more up-to-date with research on best practices focused on education, interventions, and discipline rather than just a focus on discipline.
 - b. JKDA-R Student Suspension Regulations
 - i. Tina Meserve recommends dissolving JKDA-R, but keeping the Administrative Guidelines for administrators to use and reference. Concerns were heard regarding a change in administration that could lead to a difference in philosophy regarding disciplinary consequences. Others shared that they agreed with more flexible guidelines. Suggested that the Admin Team create a list of guidelines for offenses and consequences that could be added to the student handbook for families to see, to include other measures than discipline. We should consider our current practices and what we would like to do for interventions in the future.
 - ii. MSMA Policies were referenced but not completely reviewed. They will be reviewed at our next meeting.
 1. MSMA Policy JICH - Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
 - a. JICH RSU 9-Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
 2. MSMA Policy ADC - Tobacco Use and Possession
 3. MSMA Policy ADC-R -Tobacco Use and Possession

Administrative Procedures

4. MSMA Policy JIC - Student Code of Conduct
3. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Review MSMA Policies for adopting (JIC and JICH), while simultaneously suggesting JKDA-R being dissolved at a board meeting in November.

Adjourn: 8:30 pm