

Educational Policy Committee

Minutes

May 5, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Members: Angela LeClair, Cherieann Harrison, Craig Stickney, Debbie Smith, and Josh Robbins
Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Tina Meserve, Laura Columbia, Monique Poulin, Sarah Reynolds, Matt Allen, Nichole Goodspeed, James Black, Thomas Savage, Carly Georgen

1. MSBA Survey

- a. Questions included % of students with broadband, devices, etc.
- b. What are the most important factors to consider when planning on returning to school?
 - i. Considerations on policies that might need adaptation.
 - ii. Guidelines on cleaning procedures and updates on cleaning, reassuring the safety of the staff.
 - iii. Concerns around students checking out, how to keep student engagement if we are remote learning still.

2. Extended Remote Learning Updates

- a. Summer programming for regular education will not be happening this summer. John Jones is still working on Extended-Year Programming for our students with special needs.
- b. Access to the internet and devices.
 - i. MDOE will be sending some devices and hotspots for students without access.
 - ii. We are working on a plan for maintaining the devices, sustaining repairs, purchasing cases, and the management system.
 - iii. Considerations include the safety of our younger students with devices, age-appropriate devices, and planning for distribution.
- c. End of the Year Planning
 - i. Some districts have revised their calendars to open in September.
 - ii. End of the year, June 16th (most districts around the area are going until that date).

- iii. The administration is working with the union on plans for the end of the year, which will be proposed at the next board level.
 - iv. Mixed feedback from parents regarding remote learning and continuing remote learning. Working on the best-case scenario for RSU 9.
3. Review IJOA School-Sponsored and Non-School Sponsored Student Field Trips
- a. The policy is strong, but the administrators would like to work on the procedural piece to the policy.
 - b. Add under school-sanctioned trips (pg.1):
 - i. In district day trips
 - ii. Out of district day trips
 - c. Discussions included how to handle walking trips
 - i. Potentially Add: teachers will follow school procedures for walking trips.
 - d. In the policy, administrators can decide what extra support is needed for a trip
 - e. IJOA-R
 - i. Based on Lewiston's policy, we added items concerning water field trips.
 - ii. Discussion on ratios based on field trips.
 - 1. Our policy will have middle school: 1:20, high school 1:24
 - iii. MBC has clear procedures for classes that leave the building.
 - iv. Information and permission could be included in back to school paperwork regarding walking field trips at grades 9-12 for teacher expectations.
 - f. Decision:
 - i. #3 of IJOA-R will go into IJOA
 - ii. We will bring it back to the committee with the adjustments for review prior to bringing it to the school board for the first reading.