

Educational Policy Committee

Minutes

June 1, 2021

7:00 - 8:00pm

Meeting Video - <https://vimeo.com/558176821>

Members: Wayne Kinney, Angela LeClair, Josh Robbins, Jesse Sillanpaa, **Debbie Smith**

Absent: Craig Stickney

Other Board Members Present:

Staff Present: Monique Poulin, Laura Columbia, Katie Duchesne

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1. Summer Programming Update (Laura Columbia)
 - a. We are moving forward in a traditional sense. We are seeing some challenges filling Ed Tech, special education and high school openings. The criteria for attendance varies depending on grade span. At Mallett, the intention is to be outside for a significant amount of time (PK-2). Numbers for middle and high school come in a bit later when we have final grades.
 2. Return to School Update (Laura Columbia)
 - a. MDOE has updated its guidance for how to return in the fall. Laura met with the nursing team to review any changes in parameters. We met with the administrative team today and will meet with the EAC next week. We plan to present a return to school plan to the board on 6/22. We will share the framework and then will develop the implementation details. In addition, we do not plan to offer a full remote plan for next fall, other than a possible opportunity to participate in a regional remote academy.
 3. Review Policy (Katie Duchesne)
 - a. The major differences are the cross-references in each policy. Language updates were added in the last paragraph for clarity.
 - b. RSU 9's Affirmative Action Plan needs to be revised and updated.
 - c. A discussion was heard regarding the structure and role of the affirmative action officer. Multiple administrators across the district have participated in training for affirmative action investigations.
 - d. Katie Duchesne will make proposed changes to policy to be forwarded as a first reading at the 6/8/21 board meeting.
 4. Prioritization of upcoming Policies for review (Debbie Smith)
 - a. Discussion of priority policies listed will be cross-referenced to check if they are required policies.
 - i. ACAD alignment with JIC (needs to be checked for consistency)

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- ii. Strategic Planning Outcomes: AD-Educational Philosophy/Mission, ADA-School system goals and objectives, ADF-Commitment of Learning Goals
 - iii. Affirmative Action Plan
 - iv. Another discussion was heard about designating policies to other committees, as well as dissolving other policies that are not required.
5. Next agenda items
- a. Required policies from the list provided
 - b. Assessment Data
 - c. Start times around middle and high school.
 - d. Title I planning
 - e. Need to review the Affirmative Action plan (very dated)