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Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

April 25, 2023 - 5:30 PM

Meeting Location: Collaboration Conference Room

454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

Committee Attendees: Patti McCain, Anupam Sidhu, Shonta Langford, Dr. Lisa Anglin, Dr. Denise Lilly, Dr. Monica Merritt, Chris Allan, Bernadette Kakooza, Jennifer Vos, Aaron Champney, Aamina Ahmed

Other Attendees: John Johnston, Josh Patterson, Alexander Hawkins

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

Citizen Comments: Alexander Hawkins commented on how students would like to have a voice in the process of policy changes and would like to see a review of the dress code policy.

Member McCain noted that dress code is not policy but it is in the student code of conduct.

1. The meeting minutes from March 24, 2023, were reviewed and approved. Discussion on the phrases "illegal alien" and "undocumented persons."
2. Policy Timeline. Member McCain and Secretary Sidhu will work together to make a model.
3. Old Business

Ms. Langford explained additions to Policy #1240. Several dates were changed.

Discussion on adding a footnote at the end of the policy defining what the law actually says regarding this policy. Time spent looking at the policy to determine a timeline on Superintendent's response to evaluation.

With the addition of the footnote, we are ready to move this to the board.

Neola has the policies 5111, 5111.01, 5111.02 for review.

4. New business.

Policy #2623 - Student Assessment

Reviewed wording of policy. Some items need to have items checked [x].

Discussion regarding policy aim to minimize instruction to non-testing students. Dr. Merritt clarifies that this policy relates to the law and having to administer the test according to the law. There are state requirements for proctoring.

Secretary Sidhu discussed that there should potentially be changes to first paragraph, taking out the phrase "The Board of Education" and replacing with "The District."

Discussion on use of student portfolios outside of 3rd grade reading assessments.

Policy #6325 - Procurement of Federal, State and Grand Funds

Make a change to green paragraph in the middle

Policy #1615 - Use of tobacco by administrators

Ms. Langford would like to discuss #1615 and the wording would apply to #3215 and #4215 regarding Professional Staff and Support Staff.

Discussion on what possession of accessories could include and what would be prohibited.

- *Accessories of vape pens have other uses.*
- *Would possession of those items be prohibited?*
- *Discussion of what disciplinary actions could be taken.*

Discussion on smoking, using tobacco products is prohibited on premises. Discussion on what defines school grounds, vehicles owned by district, district events off district premises.

Discussion on enforcement will be based on administrative guidelines.

The State of Michigan will start doing audits. Decisions need to be made to make sure our policy aligns with the law.

Discussion on the policy of 24/7 tobacco free school policies.

Policy #5512 - Use of Tobacco by Students

Secretary Sidhu discussed the problems with students vaping in cars or on school grounds. Discussion on difficulty to police vaping inside the schools. If it is reported, it is investigated

Discussion on district wide campaign to stop smoking in bathrooms and on school property.

Next meeting bring back these policies and look at other districts to see what they have as policy. Patti will share with the committee some things. Figure out what we may want to model after.

Discussion on the Policy #5111 Neola will look into the wording of this for us.

Discussion on could the policies regarding tobacco use be combined into one policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36.

5. Future Schedule Meeting Dates

- June 27, 2023