



Policy Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
December 12, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Collaboration Conference Room
454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170

Committee Attendees: Patti McCoin, Anupam Sidhu, Dr. Monica Merritt, Shonta Langford, Chris Allan, and Aamina Ahmed

Others Present: Josh Patterson, Mark Salzer, Andrew Steinman, Lisa Rasmussen and John Johnston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. and Member McCoin welcomed the group and asked each member to introduce themselves.
2. Citizens Comments: None
3. The Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2023 were reviewed and approved.
4. Ms. Langford reviewed the agenda.
5. Old Business:

Policy 7540.03 STUDENT TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY

- A. Mark Salzer spoke about language used in the policy that refers to responsibilities being that of the Board, while the P-CCS district uses different language. Mark wondered if it should be worded as the Board directs the District, or the District directs the Board? He mentioned that several areas state the Board directs the District.

Member McCoin stated that many districts say the Board as opposed to saying the District. She thought maybe that's why NEOLA states it that way.

Ms. Langford wonders if it would be inconsistent due to other wording in the policy.

Member McCoin stated that she would like the language to be clear for everyone.

- B. Mark Salzer and Andrew Steinman spoke about definitions used and wondered if they'd be too confining with the ever changing pace of technology. They wondered if language used now will apply later.

Ms. Langford questioned the possibility that definitions could limit information in a lawsuit or could affect policy? She will look into this and also look into other options.

- C. Mark Salzer asked if the wording "Director of Integrated Technology" could be added along with the Superintendent, where it relates to technology, since the technology handles most of the actions.

Dr. Monica Merritt asked if the wording can be added without affecting policy?

Josh Patterson mentioned that the Student Handbook might have language that included AI and maybe could also reference policy?

- D. Member McCoin asked if there is a need to include AI in the definition?

Ms. Langford said she would get NEOLA's opinion on this.

- E. Mark Salzer said he wants the policies and guidelines to be as clear as they can be so everyone understands the language.

Andrew Steinman said NEOLA's language mentions "parents" and wondered if that matches other policies? The District's language says "parents/guardians".

Ms. Langford will speak to NEOLA

6. Policy 5310 HEALTH SCREENING

- A. It was brought up that Mental Health is not mentioned in this policy.

Member McCoin stated this was previously answered and does not need to come back to the Committee.

7. Policy 5410 PROMOTION, PLACEMENT AND RETENTION

- A. *The use of pronouns was brought up. Policy refers to "s/he".*

Ms. Langford asked if this type of change has to go to the Board?

Ms. Langford wondered what the word "harmony" meant in this context?

Member McCoin said that maybe it's an attempt to dance around language.

Dr. Monica Merritt suggested that maybe it should say "in alignment with"?

Ms. Langford wondered if the Board still discourages skipping grades.

Dr. Merritt said she would speak to the Teaching and Learning Department to see if this still stands

Chris Allen questioned the language that says "demonstrated the degree of social, emotional, and physical maturation necessary for a successful learning experience in the next grade". Is this outdated?

8. Policy 5420 REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS

Mark Salzer asked if the wording should be changed from "shall" to "may".

Andrew Steinman also wondered if the word "reports" is too broad.

Chris Allen asked if this was referring to report cards.

It was mentioned that maybe change "which shall include written reports" to "system shall include student progress in K-12".

Should the wording "written" be omitted? "Written" has more of an open definition than "in-writing". Is there a better term for "written"? Maybe "viewable", "standard" or "periodic"? Would the wording "periodic" be misunderstood?

Should "reporting" be changed to "student progress"?

Ms. Langford said this topic will be brought up at the next meeting.

9. Policy 9700 RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Dr. Merritt spoke about the Uncorked wine tasting event. A request has been made to donate student art, to be sold, to this event. She doesn't believe a policy change is needed for this.

The following questions were brought up:

Are teachers obligated to have students create this art in class?

How is supervision handled due to alcohol being present?

Should legal take a look at this?

Would young kids be unsupervised?

How can parents be informed that they are responsible for supervising their children?

Member McCoin said she doesn't think this needs to go to the Board because this is similar to Art Shows and other groups selling items for Clubs, Teams, etc. She asked if this would be the same type of event?

Dr. Merritt said that we may need more time to develop this to answer all relevant questions

Member McCoin said this wouldn't be a policy change and that licensed adults are serving and there would be plenty of supervision.

10. Future Scheduled Meeting Dates

January 23, 2024
February 27, 2024
March 12, 2024
April 23, 2024
May 28, 2024
June 25, 2024

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.