

Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District Policy Subcommittee

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565 Maple Street Hathorne, Massachusetts 01937

Maple Street Bistro Conference Room (Main Level)

Thursday, October 10, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Attendance: Ms. Liteplo, Mr. Strout, Mr. Hathaway, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Delaney

Others in Attendance: Dr. Riccio, Ms. Donnelly, Ms. Goldstein

Members Absent: Ms. Schena

1. Call to Order

Ms. Liteplo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Strout made the motion for the approval of the meeting minutes for the May 9, 2019 District Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Review and Possible Recommendation of the Following Policies

Ms. Goldstein, Director of Guidance, reviewed the wellness policy to be reviewed annually by an advisory sub-committee.

This policy was updated from the former document from 2014. There are still many aspects of this plan that are outstanding. The many aspects of this plan were reviewed. This plan is included in this packet. The plan is waiting for final endorsement and approval.

Mr. Strout asked about the attendance in the spin room.

It is well attended every Tuesday. There will may be a Thursday class added for staff depending on interest.

The assessment tool used for this policy is attached to the packet.

Ms. Liteplo asked about the exemption from nutritional standards on page 2.

It is believed that this is part of state policy and standards. The group discussed how this might apply to after school activities. Drink options that are now acceptable during the school day were discussed. The nutritional guidelines are based on Federal mandates.

Ms. Liteplo asked if students were allowed to buy from the bakery.

No, Students are not allowed to purchase from the bakery and parents cannot purchase and provide baked goods to the students during the school day.

Ms. Liteplo asked about mental health support for staff.

Yes, there is private and confidential support for staff through EAP services. This is handled through Human Resources.

Mr. Strout made the motion to recommend the Wellness Policy and Wellness Policy Assessment Tool to the School Committee.

Mr. Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Goldstein introduced the Educational Stability Programming Educational Opportunities and the connection with the McKinney Vento Act. It was recommended that the homeless policy be broken out into three programs. ESA documents were passed out to the group. The policies provided educational stability for students in transition. Protected classes under Civil Rights was discussed and explained. The three policies are similar but are unique in who is involved. As a regional school district transportation is easily provided for these students. There are currently seven students that are identified as Homeless or in Foster Care.

Ms. Liteplo asked if these policies replace McKinney Vento.

Ms. Goldstein answered, yes, these policies are similar to McKinney Vento but specific to classifications.

DESE shared Blackstone's policies that were built upon to create these policies. The policies are in compliance with the District review.

Mr. Strout Made the motion to recommend Educational Stability Programming Educational Opportunities for Military Children to the School Committee.

Mr. Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Strout Made the motion to present Educational Stability Programming Educational Opportunities for Homeless Children & Youth.

Mr. Delaney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Strout made the motion to recommend Educational Stability Programming Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care.

Mr. Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Discussion Items That Were Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairperson (M.G.L., Chapter 30A- Sections 18-25)

5. Adjourn

Ms. Liteplo made the motion to adjourn at 5:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by the Recording Secretary

The listing of matters includes those reasonably anticipated by the Chair in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.