

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, December 12, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

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

Others in Attendance: Dr. Riccio, Ms. Donnelly

1. Call to Order

Ms. Liteplo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Strout made the motion for the approval of the meeting minutes for the October 10, 2019, District Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Review and Possible Recommendation of the Following Policies

Ms. Donnelly entered the room and passed out a paper with proposed changes to the Student Handbook and attendance policy. She reviewed the reasoning behind these changes and potential discipline for excessive, unexcused dismissals and/or tardies. There would be office detentions on Saturdays to offer Academic and Content time with teachers.

Dr. Riccio made note that ENSATS does not have a “waterfall” schedule that would allow children to miss different classes in the morning or afternoon.

Ms. Donnelly reviewed that some tardies and dismissals may be due to the student not wanting to attend a certain class.

The group discussed students that are over eighteen and dismissals.

Mr. Strout asked for a line to be in the proposal stating that the detention time on Saturday is Academic time and not punitive.

Ms. Liteplo asked for clarification of the office detention time and the teacher they will be meeting with.

Ms. Donnelly described the goal of the detention and the ability to meet with the teacher of the class they missed.

The group discussed the difference between excused and unexcused dismissals.

Dr. Riccio described the necessity of the student bringing a note to document the absence/dismissal/tardy.

Ms. Liteplo asked about the timing of dismissals during the middle of the day and returning to school.

Ms. Donnelly described that if a student is in attendance for at least three hours they are considered present.

Mr. Strout made the motion to accept edits to language in the Student Handbook that addresses student dismissals and present it to the School Committee.

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)

Ms. Liteplo asked about the meeting participation via telephone if necessary.

5. Adjourn

Mr. Strout made the motion to adjourn at 5:45 pm.

Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 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.