

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – January 11, 2012
Long Hill Administration Building Conference Room

The Trumbull Public School's Policy Advisory Committee convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Sue D'Amato, Co-Chairperson
Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson
Dr. Gary Cialfi
Dr. Linda Paslov
Loretta Chory, BOE member
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Nicholas Banks Joseph Noory
Teresa Carter Morgan Burr
Ilene Feuerberg Rita Ciarmella
Sonya Wich

Members absent:

Jean Rosati, Recorder
Nancy Fisher
Regan Fisher
Paul Leninger

The meeting began at 7:01 p.m. By unanimous consent of the members present at the December 7, 2011 meeting, the minutes were approved. It was noted that Policy 5131.911/Bullying Prevention and Intervention was approved by the Board of Education at their December 13, 2011 meeting and the District's Safe School Climate Plan was forwarded to the State on December 28, 2011.

The following policies were discussed:

Homework, Policy Code 6154: Dr. Cialfi reviewed this policy which will be brought before the Board of Education (BOE) for a first reading. A handout listing changes to the policy that were compiled from preliminary feedback from administrators and teachers was given to members. Considerable discussion ensued including time allotments assigned for different grade levels, group projects, student/parent/teacher/administrator responsibilities, and assignments on weekends, vacations, religious observances. Nick Banks offered to design a survey for teachers/administrators to solicit their input on homework guidelines. It was decided that more input/discussion is needed before the policy can be brought before the BOE.

Modification Options Involving Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment for All Students (Grades K – 8), Policy Code 6140: This policy was brought before the BOE for a first reading on March 15, 2011. Dr. Cialfi reviewed wording changes that evolved from input/discussion with Dr. McGrath, PPS Director and Maureen Makres-Steinberg. Considerable discussion ensued and wording changes noted will be made to the policy. It was decided to consult with Dr. McGrath for more information and PAC will review again before forwarding to the BOE for approval.

Student No Use of Tobacco Products, Policy Code 5116: Dr. Cialfi reviewed revisions to this policy to reflect “use of tobacco products”. Discussion ensued and wording changes will be made and PAC will review again before presenting to the BOE for a first reading. Also noted was the PAC should review the Staff No Smoking policy.

Volunteers, Policy Code 1212.1: Dr. Cialfi reviewed wording changes and discussion ensued. Wording changes will be made and PAC will review again before presenting to the BOE for a first reading.

The following agenda items were tabled: Agenda Item K—Student Conduct on Buses, Policy Code 5114.1; Agenda Item L—Pay to Play, Policy Code 5139; Waiving of Student Fees and Handling of Fees by School Staff, Policy Code TBD.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the starting time for PAC meetings and it was agreed that meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.