

Trumbull Public Schools
Policy Advisory Committee
February 8, 2012

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

Members present:

Sue D'Amato, Co-Chairperson	Vicki Tesoro
Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson	Nancy Fisher
Dr. Gary Cialfi	Regan Fisher
Dr. Linda Paslov	Joseph Noory
Loretta Chory, BOE member	Teresa Carter
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member	Sonya Wich (Future Member at Large)
Jean Rosati, Recorder	
Rita Ciarmella, Policies	
Nicholas Banks	
Ilene Feuerberg	

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

Sonya Wich will be on the PAC committee as a New Member at Large. She will be presenting her letter at the February 28, 2012 Board meeting.

Dr. Cialfi started the meeting with clarification on the following:

- He would like the PAC committee to bring at least 1 policy to every Board meeting.
- Jean Rosati will be in charge of the Agenda's and Minutes
- Rita Ciarmella will handle all other policy information/changes
- He also told the members that they have 2 weeks after every PAC meeting to get their information/changes to Rita

The following policies were discussed:

Homework, Policy Code 6154: Vicki Tesoro stated that some corrections were made to the policy and Nick Banks handed out the Homework Guideline surveys that he designed regarding the Allotment of time by grade. The PAC committee reviewed these surveys and discussed the allotment of time assigned for different grade levels along with group projects. PAC also discussed that the allotment of time should be put on the policy in minutes for elementary grades 1-5 rather than in hours. Further discussion on the Middle School and High School allotment times will be discussed at the next meeting along with the assigning of group projects. Nick will design another survey for the staff to give their input on group projects. He will bring it to the March PAC meeting.

Resolution: It was decided that more input/discussion is needed before the policy can be brought to the Board of Education for a First Reading.

Modification Options Involving Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment for All Students (Grades K – 8), Policy Code 6140:

This policy was brought before the Board of Education for a First Reading on March 15, 2011. Dr. Cialfi discussed with Dr. McGrath, PPS Director and Maureen Makres-Steinberg regarding this policy and SRBI. More research on non identified students is being done and it was decided that this policy will be re-designed into 2 separate policies.

Resolution: Dr. Paslov will be working on these policies for K-12 General Education.

Student No Smoking Policy- (New Name) Student No Tobacco Products Use Policy, 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.

Staff No Smoking Policy-(New Name) Staff No Tobacco Products Use Policy - Policy Code 5118.231:

Sue D’Amato worked on this policy with Dr. Cialfi. Policy revisions were made to incorporate tobacco name and policy will now read as Staff No Tobacco Products Use. Changes were presented to PAC and accepted by the members.

Resolution: Policy is going for a First Reading on February 28, 2012.

Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131:

This policy was brought to PAC because of the changes being made to the 2 policies listed above Student No Tobacco Products Use and Staff No Tobacco Products Use. The Smoking term is being replaced with Tobacco both within the policy and the Appendix.

Resolution: More discussion on this policy at the next PAC meeting.

Volunteers, Policy Code 1212.1:

Policy went for a First Reading on February 7, 2012. Dr. Cialfi made some changes along with the Board recommendations. He reviewed all these changes with the PAC committee.

Resolution: Policy to go for a Second Reading on March 13, 2012.

Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5139:

Vicki Tesoro presented this New Policy to the PAC committee. Much discussion went on about which High School Clubs should be under this policy. Vicki will discuss this with Mike Herbst the Athletic Director at Trumbull High School and get some clarification on some of the recommendations. Free and Reduced Lunch students would automatically qualify for waivers. Discussion regarding the disclosing of the information of students that are on Free and Reduced Lunch is being referred to Attorney Carolyn Dugas.

Resolution: Please send all your changes/recommendations to Rita by February 29th. Policy changes will be discussed at the March 14, 2012 PAC meeting.

Other Policy information to be discussed is as follows: Television’s in Classrooms, Student Records

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.