

Trumbull Public Schools
Policy Advisory Committee
April 11, 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

Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson

Dr. Gary Cialfi

Dr. Linda Paslov

Loretta Chory, BOE member

Rosemary Seaman, BOE member

Jean Rosati, Recorder

Rita Ciarmella, Policies (changes)

Guest: Leslie Davis (Parent interested in becoming a PTA Rep member to PAC)

Vicki Tesoro

Nancy Fisher

Rhegan Fisher

Sonya Wich

Paul Leninger

Nicholas Banks

The meeting began at 6:31 p.m. Minutes of the March 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

At the March 14th PAC meeting Loretta Chory mentioned that the Board members would like some research to be done in finding out which policies are in potential conflict with joint efficiencies.

Resolution: Board decided to address this at a later date.

The following policies were discussed:

Homework, Policy Code 6154: This policy went for a First Reading on April 10th. Vicki Tesoro discussed the few changes that were recommended by the Board. She expressed a desire to conduct a parent survey on homework since the policy involves school work done outside the classroom. Discussion ensued regarding the development, distribution, and analysis of the survey and whether this would create a precedent. After much discussion, the committee agreed that at this time a survey isn't necessary. Vicki also stated that she mentioned to parents that they can attend a PAC meeting to discuss this policy.

Resolution: Policy to go for a Second Reading on May 15, 2012.

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. Linda Paslov is re-designing this policy into two separate parts (1) Special Education/ and (2) SRBI (Scientific Research Based Instruction). Therefore the Modification Options Policy will be rescinded once the two policies are written. Dr. Cialfi is

working on the Special Education portion of the policy and Dr. Paslov is currently working on the SRBI portion.

Resolution: More data is being collected and will be presented to the PAC committee at the next meeting.

Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131: Nancy Fisher is sponsoring this policy and will discuss the Regulations with the Dean of Students, Tony Pijar at Trumbull High School. This policy was originally brought to PAC because of the changes being made to the Student No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use and Staff No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use Policies.

Resolution: The goal is to try to have this policy go forward as soon as possible so that the policy booklets that go home to parents in the fall will be up to date.

Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5139: Policy was not brought forward for a First Reading on April 10th as recommended at the March 14th PAC meeting. A few adjustments were made to the waiver form regarding club fees. Policy is now ready to be reviewed by the Board Attorney.

Resolution: Once the policy is reviewed by the Attorney it will go for a First Reading - the goal date is May 1st.

Student Conduct on Buses, Policy Code: 5114.1: Sue D'Amato and Rhegan Fisher are the sponsors of this policy. Dawn Perkins will be giving the sponsors some recommendations/changes so the policy is up to date.

Resolution: PAC will review all recommendations/changes at the May 9th meeting.

Naming of Building and Sites, Policy Code: 7551: Gary Cialfi and Rosemary Seaman are the sponsors of this policy. Sponsors will be researching and checking with CABE for ideas on this policy

Resolution: Information to be reviewed by the PAC committee at the May 9th meeting.

Other Policy information to be discussed is as follows:

High School Attendance Policy Code: 5113: Nick Banks will be the sponsor of this policy.

This policy has been up for discussion since the last update in 2009. A committee was formed at the High School because of the issues with attendance and credits. The High School committee has written a new THS Attendance revision proposal which may be added to the Regulations of the original policy.

Resolution: Policy recommendations will be discussed at the May 9th PAC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.