

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – March 13, 2013
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

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

Members present:

Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson

Sue D’Amato, Co-Chairperson

Dr. Gary Cialfi

Loretta Chory, BOE member

Mary Ellen Bolton

Nicholas Banks

Nancy Fisher

Jennifer Mottolese

Sonya Wich

Rita Ciarmella

Rhegan Fisher

Paul Leninger

Members absent:

Rosemary Seaman, BOE member

Vicki Tesoro

Teresa Carter

Guests:

Dr. Linda Paslov

Jennifer Pacelli

Kaelyn Mostafa, Ian Matz

Christian DeGenova

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. The prospective student members were introduced along with Jennifer Pacelli, Technology Teacher at Trumbull High School. Dr. Cialfi asked that Ms. Pacelli review THS handbook information with regard to student electronic devices. Discussion ensued regarding electronics used at the high school and two policies, Student Internet and Use of Electronic Devices and how those policies relate to the availability of WIFI throughout the high school. . Dr. Cialfi would like PAC to incorporate high school procedures into policy. Ms. Pacelli will forward more information on high school procedures and use of electronics in class as it becomes available. If needed, PAC will adjust both those policies and/or develop a new policy regarding “Bring Your Own Device.”

B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence this evening.

C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

A. Approval/Minutes 2/6/13 meeting—By unanimous consent of members present at the meeting , the minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item III—Reports

A. February 26 and March 12, 2013 Board Meetings—Dr. Cialfi conveyed that at the March 12th meeting, Protected Prayer and Interscholastic Athletics policies were presented for a first reading. Interscholastic Athletic Tryouts was also presented for a second reading and approved.

- B. Upcoming Board of Education meetings—Dr. Cialfi shared that the Board will meet on March 26 and April 9, 2013.
- C. Policies Presented to the Board—So noted in Agenda III-A.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Protected Prayer, Policy Code 6115.1-- Mrs. Cantafio shared that this policy was presented to the Board for a first reading on March 12, 2013. The Board requested one change—moving the sentence on the policy page regarding speakers to Regulations. This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading on April 9, 2013.
- B. Interscholastic Athletics, Policy Code 6145.2—Mrs. Fisher conveyed that this policy was presented to the Board for a first reading on March 12, 2013. Since the Board had no changes, this policy will be presented for a second reading on April 9, 2013.
- C. Fire Drill, Policy Code 6114.2—This policy will be continued for discussion at next month's meeting as PAC is awaiting input from building principals.
- D. Fire in School Buildings, Policy Code 6114.1—This policy will be continued for discussion at next month's meeting as PAC is awaiting input from building principals.
- E. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—Mrs. Cantafio shared that she and Mrs. Wich have reviewed this policy and incorporated changes from input at the February meeting. It was decided that the district lawyer should review before presenting policy to the Board. Depending upon receipt of information from the attorney, this policy may be presented to the Board for a first reading on April 9, 2013.
- F. Enrichment Trips, Policy Code 6153.1—Mrs. Cantafio conveyed that she and Mrs. Wich developed this policy with the assistance of Mrs. Ciarmella as the Board desired that overnight enrichment trips, such as those to Europe, be handled separately from field trips. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the district lawyer should review before presenting policy to the Board. Depending upon receipt of information from the attorney, this policy may be presented to the Board for a first reading on April 9, 2013.
- G. Public Conduct at School Activities, Policy Code 1316—Mr. Banks reviewed this policy. Discussion ensued and wording changes were made. This policy will be presented to the Board for a first reading on March 26, 2013.
- H. School Wide Tiered Instruction and Scientific Research Based Interventions (SRBI), Policy Code 6160—Dr. Paslov developed this policy to address tiered instruction and SRBI interventions which are presently used with students. She reviewed the policy and conveyed that this policy can replace the following policies: Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Options for All Students, Grades 9-12, Policy Code IGBG-B; and Early Intervention for High School Students, Policy Code IGBC. She also shared that

two other policies need to be reviewed and modified:

Promotion/Retention/Acceleration—Grades K-8; and Modification Options Involving Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment for All Students, Policy Code IGBC-A.

Discussion ensued regarding the Early Intervention Team, decisions as to when tiered instruction is employed, and parental notification. It was suggested the wording regarding parent notification be added to the policy. This policy may be presented for a first reading on March 26, 2013.

Agenda Item V—Policies on Hold

- A. Modification Options K-8, Policy Code 6140—Dr. Paslov noted that this policy should be reviewed by PPS Director Dr. McGrath for changes and/or deletion of policy.
- B. Parent/Guardian Complaint, Policy Code 1312—on hold.
- C. Naming of Buildings and Sites, Policy Code 7551—On hold per Board Of Education Chair Stephen Wright.
- D. Collection Development Policy for Trumbull Public School Librarians, Policy Code 6161—Mrs. Mottolese and Mrs. Wich are the sponsors of this new policy which is in development.

Mrs. Ciarmella conveyed that Dr. Cialfi would like PAC to review/develop several policies: Student Conduct on Buses for parental requests to view bus videos; and development of a policy regarding use of therapeutic dogs in classroom/school. Mrs. Cantafio volunteered Mrs. Fisher to sponsor therapeutic dogs and Mrs. Mottolese will sponsor Student Conduct on Buses. Mrs. Ciarmella also asked PAC members if they would be willing to change April's meeting from the 9th to Wednesday, April 24th and it was accepted.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place April 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.