

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – April 24, 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:

Dr. Gary Cialfi
Loretta Chory, BOE member
Sue D'Amato, Co-Chairperson
Nicholas Banks
Nancy Fisher
Jennifer Mottolese
Sonya Wich
Vicki Tesoro

Rita Ciarmella

Guest

Dr. Linda Paslov

Members absent:

Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson
Mary Ellen Bolton
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Teresa Carter
Rhegan Fisher
Paul Leninger

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. At this time, Agenda Item IV-G was taken out of order—see Item IV-G under Reports. Dr. Cialfi gave handouts regarding service animals and Bring Your Own Device, including information which Trumbull High staff would like incorporated into the policy. Considerable discussion ensued concerning the need for separate policies addressing both issues. Mrs. Fisher agreed to sponsor a policy on service animals and Mrs. D'Amato will sponsor "Bring Your Own Device" which may be incorporated into the Student Possession and Personal Use of Electronic Devices or developed as a separate policy. Mrs. Ciarmella shared that she had a conversation with Athletic Director Mike Herbst regarding his concerns with the Student/Teacher/Parent Driver form attached to the Interscholastic Athletic policy and asked that PAC review it since he feels that it implies that students can drive themselves to and from athletic games/competitions. Mrs. Fisher will review and as this form is an appendix, no Board action is needed to remove/adjust the form.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 3/13/13 meeting—It was moved (Chory) seconded (Fisher) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. March 26 and April 9, 2013 Board Meetings—Dr. Cialfi conveyed that at the March 26th meeting, Public Conduct at School Activities and School Wide Tiered Instruction and Scientific Research Based Interventions were presented for a first reading.

Interscholastic Athletics was presented at the April 9th meeting for a second reading and approved.

- B. Upcoming Board of Education meetings—Dr. Cialfi shared that the Board will meet on May 7 and 21, 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—This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading on May 7, 2013.
- B. Fire Drill, Policy Code 6114.2—Mary Ellen Bolton has input from principals regarding this policy. Due to her absence, this item was tabled to the next meeting.
- C. Fire in School Buildings, Policy Code 6114.1— Mary Ellen Bolton has input from principals regarding this policy. Due to her absence, this item was tabled to the next meeting.
- D. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—Information from the Board’s attorney regarding this policy was received this afternoon. Since both Mrs. Cantafio and Mrs. Wich did not have a chance to review attorney input, this policy was tabled to the next meeting.
- E. Enrichment Trips, Policy Code 6153.1— Information from the Board’s attorney regarding this policy was received this afternoon. Since both Mrs. Cantafio and Mrs. Wich did not have a chance to review attorney input, this policy was tabled to the next meeting.
- F. Public Conduct at School Activities, Policy Code 1316—Mr. Banks shared that this policy was presented to the Board for a first reading on March 26, 2013. He briefly reviewed Board changes and additional wording changes. This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading on May 21, 2013.
- G. School Wide Tiered Instruction and Scientific Research Based Interventions (SRBI), Policy Code 6160—Dr. Paslov reviewed the policy and incorporated Board suggestions She conveyed that this policy can replace the following policy: Early Intervention for High School Students, Policy Code IGBC. She also shared that PPS Director Mike McGrath would review two policies, Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Options for All Students, Grades 9-12, Policy Code IGBG-B and Modification Options Involving Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment for All Students, Policy Code IGBC-A which may be modified due to the language in this new policy. She also shared that one other policy needs to be reviewed and modified: Promotion/Retention/Acceleration— Grades K-8. Discussion ensued and this policy will be presented for a second reading on May 7, 2013.
- H. Student Conduct on Buses, Policy Code 5131.1—Mrs. Mottolese conveyed that she had reviewed both area district and out of state policies regarding the viewing of bus videos. She shared a handout which included items to be discussed and information from other

district policies. Considerable discussion ensued regarding who views videos, parental rights in the viewing of videos, FERPA impact, length of time videos are kept, videos used in legal action. It was noted that the Board's attorney may be consulted for advice on these issues. This item will be continued for discussion at the next meeting.

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—Mrs. Tesoro conveyed that she will review the policy and bring to the next meeting.
- 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. Mottolose and Mrs. Wich having been working with Media/Librarian Team Leader Donna Zimmer and Technology Manager Jeff Hackett to refine this policy. It may be brought to PAC for discussion at the next meeting.
- E. Service Animals, Policy Code ?—Mrs. Fisher agreed to sponsor this policy and will develop it.

Discussion ensued regarding the Trumbull High attendance policy due to a parent's public comment/complaint which was stated at the April 9, 2013 Board meeting. Ms. Banks shared that this first year of the policy has been positive and has shown that student absences have been reduced. He noted that some items in the policy need to be refined and will bring to PAC for discussion and revision of the policy.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place May 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.