

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023-- 5:30p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Introduction at 5:37pm.

Members Present

T. Gallo, Chair of Policy
M. Petitti, BOE Member
Paul Coppola, TAA representative
Tara Chaudhary, parent representative
Tarice Gray, parent representative
Brian O'Connor, parent representative
Mike Ward, community representative
R. Kode, student representative
S. Iwanicki, Ed.D., administrative designee

Members Absent

A. Squicciarro, BOE Member
C. Wright, student representative
Nick Banks, TEA representative

II. Correspondence/Public Comment. Dr. Iwanicki shared that two public comments were received-- Trumbull parent, Sara Scrofani asked the Policy Committee to consider the language regarding Policy 6154/Homework by adding the language *due on* in regard to assignments around school holidays.

- a. Mr. Gallo asked the committee to discuss the language of Policy 6154/Homework. Mrs. Petitti shared that the language already implies assignments are not due on the holiday. Mr. Coppola added that the schools do send reminders to teachers. There is also a line in the policy that gives all parents the right to email to request exemption from homework assigned during a regular school session due on a religious holiday. Mr. Gallo made the motion to add the words "due on" to the policy and Mrs. Petitti seconded. After further discussion, Mr. Gallo made the motion to table the matter for exploration at a future meeting. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed.
- b. An additional public comment was received from Trumbull parent Rachel Ross asking the Policy Committee to consider creating or adopting a policy regarding parent notification when their child witnesses extreme and/or violent behavior in the classroom. After discussion, it was

expressed that practices are already in place in Trumbull Public Schools that provide appropriate communication without the need for an additional policy.

III. Approval/Minutes – 1/24/2023 Mr. Gallo moved to approve the minutes of the 1/23/2023 meeting. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

a. Act Concerning Children’s Mental Health – Revise Attendance Policies

i. 5113.1 Attendance Grades K-8 and 5113 High School Attendance and Credit Loss- Dr. Iwanicki reviewed the legislative changes needed to update the two attendance policies. The role of 2-1-1 was shared with the committee. Mr. O’Connor inquired if the addition were required by law. Mr. Gallo clarified that the additions are CAFE approved and tied to legislation. Mr. Gallo made the motion to bring the revised policy to the Board for approval. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed.

b. Act Concerning Childhood Mental & Physical Health in Schools- New Policy

i. 5144.4 Physical Education and Discipline of Students- Dr. Iwanicki reviewed the legislative changes needed to update the policy and shared that the policy in its entirety would be new to Trumbull, but is required. Mr. Gallo added that the new legislation language gives more flexibility to the school. Mrs. Gray inquired about adding parent communication around missing recess to the policy. It was discussed that the professionalism of teachers and principals would naturally encourage parent communication of discipline regarding recess and as such, it did not need to be added to the policy specifically as it could be limiting. Mr. Gallo made the motion to bring the new policy 5144.4 Physical Education and Discipline of Students to the Board for approval. Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Gallo adjourned the meeting at 6:55p.m.