

**Belmont School Committee
Policy Subcommittee Meeting
May 31, 2018
Conference Room of the School Administration Building**

Present: Ms. Susan Burgess-Cox
Ms. Kate Bowen
Ms. Tara Donner
Ms. Jill Norton
Ms. Andrea Prestwich
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent
Ms. Mary Pederson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for the group to review/approve.

3. Afterschool Programs

The group discussed current Afterschool Program opportunities including the new off-site program for students at the Wellington and Winn Brook. The organization administering the program has been in contact with the administration regarding transportation. This is a for-profit organization making it difficult for the administration to support the idea of providing services to the organization. The group continued discussions regarding the role of the district in overseeing these groups and discussed options for both the direct and indirect involvement in the district with these programs. The Superintendent agreed that families should be informed about the status of the work of the School Committee regarding this issue.

4. Start Schools Later

The group had a brief discussion on the status of surveys to be distributed to parents, students and staff within the coming weeks.

5. Other Business

A committee member invited individuals from the Belmont PTA/PTO Green Alliance to ask the School Committee to provide a letter of support for one component of a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) grant. The letter would indicate support for conservation of resources as reflected in current Energy and Conservation Policy. The Belmont PTA/PTO Green Alliance is putting forward a grant to expand projects focused on waste conservation in schools. The goal of the project is to expand recycling district-wide and improve all areas of recycling in the schools. The group required the letter on or before June 12, 2018.

After an extensive discussion, the Policy Subcommittee agreed to present this request to the full School Committee at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by



Susan Burgess-Cox