

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES REMOTE MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

In attendance: Evelyn Gomez, Policy Chair
Tara Donner, Policy Secretary
Andrea Prestwich, School Committee Chair
Kate Bowen, School Committee Secretary
John Phelan, Superintendent
Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent

AGENDA

Election of chair (Evelyn Gomez) and secretary (Tara Donner) of subcommittee

Review of Covid related policies--

- Mask policy--reference MASC file: EBCFA
 - Which students should be required to wear masks
 - All students down to pre-k
 - Exceptions for people with certain conditions
 - Exceptions for times: mask breaks and while eating and drinking
 - Mask break defined by the nursing department
 - Reference the nursing department website pages 1 and 2
 - Much of the MASC policy was agreed upon with minor changes
 - John will take the edited version back to Beth Rumley, Director of Nursing for Belmont Public Schools (BPS) for review.
- Review of 5005 --Health and Wellness Policy (BPS)
 - Discussion of adding 5005-A "Interim policy on COVID related issues" (see MASC document "policy issues for the pandemic")
 - Discussion of how much of the language of "policy issues for the pandemic" to adopt
- Future meetings will address other policies related to COVID (Andrea had to leave at this point)
- Equity subcommittee formation

- Superintendent's office consulted the Town Clerk about the rules guiding the formation of a new subcommittee
 - Subcommittee vs. task force
 - Name: "subcommittee on equity"
 - Scope of committee will be wordsmithed by Tara and Evelyn for presentation at a full SC meeting when we vote on establishing the subcommittee on equity formally.
- Motion of the policy committee to approve the formation of the subcommittee on equity: moved: Tara; second: Evelyn; Adopted 3-0.
 - Next steps: next meeting will be organized by Cathy Grant.
 - Adjourn policy subcommittee moved by Kate, 2nd Evelyn; voted 3-0

Respectfully Submitted by



Tara Donner, Policy Subcommittee Secretary