

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

REMOTE MEETING

February 28, 2022

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Present: Ms. Kate Bowen, Policy Subcommittee Chair
Ms. Meghan Moriarty
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent

DATE: April 6, 2022
TIME: 3:37 PM

1. Call to order 12:00 noon
2. Minutes of - Feb. 7, 2022 and Feb 24, 2022 were voted and approved, 2-0
3. MASC Policy Hosting & Review - Informational with Dorothy Presser
Bowen provided a summary of the subcommittee's previous discussion on MASC policy services and introduced Dorothy Presser, representative from MASC. Presser explained the process of working with MASC to migrate policies to the NEPN classification system, the spreading of payment over a 3 year period, providing the support to review and track the policies, as well as tailoring the process to meet unique needs.

Supt. Phelan shared that the district has undergone an equity audit and that some policies would be impacted in response to the audit. He affirmed that continuous review of policy is important, including keeping up to date with law and regulation changes. Supt. Phelan previously went through a similar process with MASC in Milton, in a previous position held. Bowen and Moriarty acknowledged the usefulness of being able to compare with other districts easily as policies are reviewed and updated.

Presser explained that she would collect the policy documents, and over a 6-8 week period merge them, identify policy by policy discrepancies. She prepares a summary for review by a dedicated group, to then make recommendations for changes by the full School Committee. Presser explained that policy serves to make the legal requirements more accessible and explicitly how they are implemented in your district. The process typically has monthly meeting and last 14 to 24 months, depending on the committee availability.

4. Naming Policy

Meghan Moriarty shared the existing and draft Naming Policy. She noted that existing policy has consistency with the MASC model policy, but lack detail that would be useful to ensure alignment with the vision for the district. Considerations of who may be limited in the naming of facilities, consideration of advertisers, a process of review, and waiting period were discussed. Additional considerations were limits of duration on a name, or incorporating periodic review, and primary focus on acknowledging rather than purchasing in perpetuity. Moriarty will bring a

revised draft to the next meeting, incorporating discussion points and include a rationale for the consideration of the School Committee.

5. Updates

5.1. Transportation Policy - feedback from SC

Bowen presented an updated draft of the changes to transportation policy, incorporating the School Committee feedback and the MGL references. No additional changes were made.

5.2. Religious holidays with homework policy

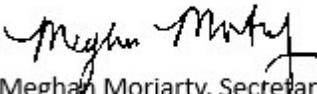
Members reviewed the language drafted in an earlier session. No new changes were made.

6. Other items not anticipated by the chair

7. Next Meeting - will be March 14, 2022

8. Adjourn at 1:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary