

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 23, 2020

The Policy Committee met on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the ASC office and via Zoom videoconference.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Jill Samonte, Chair; Tracy Weiner, Jackelyn Cadard, Michael Krugman, Kathy Mahay, Kevin Russell, Jessica Stewart, Fanny Vlahos, Kyle Winter, Jayne Yudzentis, and Melissa Jerves (non-member/secretary).

Absent: Roy Anderson, Janna Hoppe, Hamad Sheikh, Jason Suchy, Erin Menet

Visitors: Barb Svitak, Sabrina Breault, Anton Stampfl

Review of Potential Board Policy and Handbook Language Regarding Face Coverings at School During a Pandemic

A draft of Temporary Rule 4:180-TR, Face Coverings During COVID-19 Pandemic, was reviewed by the committee. Dr. Russell noted that this temporary rule, which has the force of policy and must be adopted by the Board, is a protective measure for the District to be able to enforce the face mask requirement that is necessary for a safe return to school for students and staff. More detailed procedures will be developed with the input of principals regarding how to deal with students who remove or refuse to wear their masks at school. The temporary rule will be published in the Handbook for Families and in welcome materials for families, and they will be required to sign an acknowledgment that they have read and understand the contents.

The committee also reviewed forms for students and staff who request a medical exemption from the face covering requirement. The medical exemption for students is limited to those who would have significant trouble breathing, or would become unconscious or incapacitated due to a mask. The staff form is more broadly drafted for any type of workplace accommodation an employee may request.

Fanny Vlahos moved and Michael Krugman seconded the motion to bring 4:180-TR to the Board for adoption. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No additional comments were made at this time.

Adjournment

Jayne Yudzentis moved and Fanny Vlahos seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was

adjourned at 4:59 p.m.