

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 6, 2022

The Policy Committee met on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. at Herrick Middle School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 a.m.

Present: Co-Chair Tracy Weiner, Superintendent Dr. Kevin Russell, Melissa Jerves, Jackelyn Cadard, Matt Durbala, Michelle McGarry, Dave Norman, Fanny Vlahos, Jayne Yudzentis.

Absent: Briana Butts, Chris Covino, Allen Dougherty, Gregory Harris, Janna Hoppe, Matthew Joyce, Michael Krugman, Catherine Lanucha, Erin Menet, Briana Richardson, Steve Siemek, Michelle Signa, Jason Suchy.

7:190 - Student Behavior

The committee continued its discussion of section 5 of *Prohibited Student Conduct* regarding cell phone use in schools. The middle school principals and Dr. Russell shared draft language with the Policy Committee:

7:190 - Prohibited Student Conduct (#5)

Using an electronic device, including but not limited to a cellular phone, wearable technology, computer/laptop, tablet, earbuds, personal technology, etc., in a manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to record (video or audio) others without permission, take photographs or recordings (video or audio) in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules.

Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of an electronic device. Electronic devices may be used when: (a) there is a documented need in a formal student support plan (medical plan, 504 Plan, MTSS plan, or Individualized Education Plan); (b) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals; (c) the supervising teacher grants permission; or (d) before or after school hours.

During the school day, personal electronic devices should be turned off or silenced and out of sight, including those that are able to connect wirelessly to other devices (e.g. Bluetooth, Airplay). unless a supervising staff member directs otherwise. Students may use personal electronic devices before or after school in a manner that is consistent with this policy and does not disrupt the educational process. District issued devices may be used during the school day in a manner that is consistent with this policy and does not disrupt the educational process.

The draft policy will be presented to the Board at the June meeting for first reading. If the policy is approved in July, the next steps would include updating the policy manual, including the new language in the Family Handbook, drafting an administrative procedure, and then talking to students at the beginning of the school year and throughout the year. The topic of cell phone use

in school would also be covered with parents at Curriculum Night and in parent newsletters.

Public Comment

No comments were made at this time.

Adjournment

Dave Norman moved and Matt Durbala seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 a.m.