

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – November 14, 2012
Long Hill Administration Building Assembly Room

The Trumbull Public School's Policy Advisory Committee convened in the Long Hill Administration Building for a Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson
Dr. Gary Cialfi
Loretta Chory, BOE member
Mary Ellen Bolton
Vicki Tesoro
Nancy Fisher Rita Ciarmella
Sonya Wich Rhegan Fisher
Teresa Carter Paul Leninger

Members absent:

Nicholas Banks
Sue D'Amato, Co-Chairperson
Rosemary Seaman, BOE member
Jennifer Mottolese

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. Mrs. Cantafio introduced Mary Ellen Bolton, Principal of Jane Ryan Elementary School. She is replacing Dr. Linda Paslov as the TAA representative to PAC.
- B. Correspondence— Mrs. Cantafio gave each member a letter from Lynn Palumbo-Bocchino asking PAC to consider students, their outside activities and family time when setting homework guidelines.
- C. Public Participation—Anthony D'Aquila spoke to the committee regarding the proposed Pay to Participate policy. He stated that he does not support such a policy and asked that PAC give due diligence to this policy, citing case law and State Statutes, before bringing it to the Board of Education for action.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 10/10/12 meeting—It was moved (Chory) seconded (Wich) to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Cantafio noted that the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. October 16 and November 13, 2012 Board Meetings—Dr. Cialfi conveyed that Student Accident Insurance Policy was presented for a first reading on October 16th and the Board had various questions that needed to be answered. He also shared that the Transportation and Student Conduct on Buses policies came before the Board for a second reading and approval on November 13th.

- B. Upcoming Board of Education meetings—Dr. Cialfi noted that the Board will meet for budget discussion on December 4, 6, and 11, 2012. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2012.
- C. Policies presented to the Board—Student Accident Insurance, first reading October 16th; Transportation and Student Conduct on Buses, second reading November 13th, with both policies approved.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Homework, Policy Code 6154— Mrs. Tesoro shared that CAFE policies were reviewed for wording regarding the assignment of homework on religious holidays where school was closed for the observance. Discussion ensued and wording obtained from Fairfield Public School’s policy referring to recognition of religious holidays will be included in Trumbull’s policy. This policy is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- B. Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5139—This policy will be presented to the Board for a second reading in December. (Wording from the Interscholastic Athletic Tryout Policy in regards to accident insurance will be included in policy—see notes under “F”.)
- C. Protected Prayer, Policy Code 6115.1-- Mrs. Cantafio shared that she contacted Mike Herbst, Anne Tornillo, Peter Horton and Jessica Spillane regarding students being excused from activities if observing a religious holiday and is waiting to hear from them. It was decided to add similar wording from Fairfield Public School’s policy referring to recognition of religious holidays to this policy. This policy is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- D. Student Accident Insurance Program, Policy Code 5141.1—Mrs. Cantafio reported that the policy is continued for discussion as PAC is waiting to hear from the Superintendent and/or Business Manager in regard to Board questions.
- E. Interscholastic Athletics, Policy Code 6145.2—Mrs. Fisher conveyed that she had met with Athletic Director Mike Herbst and reviewed changes. Discussion ensued and additional changes were made to the policy. She also noted that Mr. Herbst was still reviewing Eligibility and Disqualification Regulations to be sure they matched wording in the appendix. This policy is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- F. Interscholastic Athletic Tryout Policy—Mrs. Fisher also reviewed this policy with the Athletic Director. Discussion ensued and it was decided that #10 under regulations referring to mandatory accident insurance be included in the Pay to Participate policy. This policy is continued for discussion at next month’s meeting.

Agenda Item V—Policies on Hold

- A. Modification Options K-8, Policy Code 6140—On hold until Dr. Paslov completes her review of the policy.

- B. Fire Exit Drill, Policy Code 6114.2—waiting to hear from Fire Marshal.
- C. Fire in School Buildings, Policy Code 6114,1—waiting to hear from Fire Marshal.
- D. Parent/Guardian Complaint, Policy Code 1312—on hold.
- E. Naming of Buildings and Sites, Policy Code 7551—On hold per Board Of Education Chair Stephen Wright.
- F. Collection Development Policy for Trumbull Public School Librarians, Policy Code 6161—Mrs. D’Amato and Mrs. Wich will sponsor this policy.

Adjournment

Mrs. Chory conveyed that Board Member Deborah Herbst would like PAC to review the Field Trip policy to address funding of such trips and Mrs. Cantafio and Mrs. Wich will sponsor this policy. The next meeting for PAC will take place December 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.