

Trumbull Public Schools
Policy Advisory Committee
March 14, 2012

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

Members present:

Sue D'Amato, Co-Chairperson

Dawn Cantafio, Co-Chairperson

Dr. Gary Cialfi

Dr. Linda Paslov

Loretta Chory, BOE member

Rosemary Seaman, BOE member

Jean Rosati, Recorder

Rita Ciarmella, Policies (changes)

Nicholas Banks

Vicki Tesoro

Nancy Fisher

Rhegan Fisher

Sonya Wich

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting were approved.

Dr. Cialfi reviewed the following:

- He would like the PAC committee to bring at least 1 policy to every Board meeting.
- Jean Rosati will be in charge of the Agendas and Minutes
- Rita Ciarmella will handle all other policy information/changes
- PAC members are asked to submit their input for possible policy revisions to Rita Ciarmella within 7 to 10 days after receiving the agenda, minutes, and policies

Dawn Cantafio mentioned that they would still like the agenda, minutes and policies sent via email the week before the meeting.

Loretta Chory mentioned to the PAC committee that the Board members would like some research to be done in finding out which policies are in potential conflict with joint efficiencies. Resolution: Dawn Cantafio said that the PAC committee will take on the task and look into coming up with a plan on reviewing policies where potential conflicts exist.

The following policies were discussed:

Homework, Policy Code 6154: Vicki Tesoro is the sponsor and she discussed the changes that were recommended from the last PAC meeting. Nick Banks wrote the Group Project guidelines for the teacher responsibility portion of the policy. More research on this is going to be done by getting feedback from the principals after they review it.

Resolution: Policy to be reviewed by Principals before it goes for a First Reading on April 10th.

Modification Options Involving Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment for All Students

(Grades K – 8), Policy Code 6140: This policy was brought before the Board of Education for a First Reading on March 15, 2011. This policy will be re-designed into two separate parts (1) Special Education; and (2) SRBI (Scientific Research Based Instruction).

Dr. Cialfi is working with Dr. McGrath, PPS Director regarding the Special Education portion of this future policy. Dr. Paslov is currently working on the SRBI portion.

Resolution: The policy will be given to the PAC committee on April 11, 2012 to discuss the changes.

Student No Smoking Policy- (New Name) Student No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use Policy, Policy Code 5116:

Policy went for a First Reading on February 28, 2012. PAC reviewed it and the New Name was modified.

Resolution: Policy is going for a Second Reading on March 27, 2012.

Staff No Smoking Policy-(New Name) Staff No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use Policy - Policy Code 5118.231:

Policy went for a First Reading on February 28, 2012. PAC reviewed it and the New Name was modified.

Resolution: Policy is going for a Second Reading on March 27, 2012.

Standard of Conduct, Policy Code 5131:

This policy was brought to PAC because of the changes being made to the two policies listed above: Student No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use and Staff No Smoking and Tobacco Products Use.

Resolution: Policy was tabled until the April 11, 2012 PAC meeting.

Volunteers, Policy Code 1212.1:

Policy went for a Second Reading on March 13, 2012.

Resolution: Policy was approved at the March 13, 2012 Board meeting.

Pay to Participate, Policy Code 5139:

Vicki Tesoro presented the New Policy to the PAC committee with the changes that were discussed at the February 8th meeting. PAC agreed with the recommendations.

Resolution: Policy is going for a First Reading on April 10, 2012.

Student Conduct on Buses, Policy Code: 5114.1:

Rhegan Fisher will be the sponsor of this policy. Rhegan will connect with another student from the High School along with Dawn Perkins to make sure the policy is up to date. Jean Rosati will contact CABE and get some sample policies and then forward them to Rhegan.

Resolution: Rhegan will report changes/recommendations to PAC at the next meeting – April 11th.

Naming of Building and Sites, Policy Code: 7551:

This policy was brought up for discussion by the PAC Committee Board members.

Resolution: Policy to be reviewed by the PAC committee.

Other Policy information to be discussed is as follows:

Waiving of student fees and handling of fees by school staff

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.