

Trumbull Public Schools
Trumbull Committee
Policy Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting – May 8, 2013
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

Sue D’Amato, Co-Chairperson

Dr. Gary Cialfi

Loretta Chory, BOE member

Rosemary Seaman, BOE member

Nancy Fisher

Nicholas Banks

Jennifer Mottolese

Vicki Tesoro

Rita Ciarmella

Rhegan Fisher

Paul Leninger

Members absent:

Mary Ellen Bolton

Sonya Wich

Teresa Carter

Guests:

Rita McDougald-Campbell

Jennifer Pacelli

Ian Matz

Christian DeGenova

Agenda Item I—Preliminary Business

- A. Introduction—The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Ian Matz and Christian DeGenova were introduced as the new student representatives to PAC for 2013-14. Jen Pacelli, THS technology teacher, and THS A-House Principal Rita McDougald-Campbell also joined the meeting.
- B. Correspondence—There was no correspondence this evening.
- C. Public Participation—There were no public comments.

Agenda Item II—Consent Agenda

- A. Approval/Minutes 4/24/13 meeting—It was moved (Fisher) seconded (Tesoro) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Agenda Item III—Reports

- A. May 7, 2013 Board Meeting—Mrs. Cantafio conveyed that at the May 7th meeting, Protected Prayer and School-Wide Tiered Instruction and Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) were presented for second readings. Both policies were approved. Discussion ensued regarding the need for the pamphlet attached to the Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) policy as an appendix. The consensus of the committee was to remove the pamphlet and it was noted that Board approval was not necessary as the pamphlet is an appendix.
- B. Upcoming Board of Education meetings—Dr. Cialfi shared that the Board will meet for regular meetings on May 21, June 4 and June 18, 2013.

C. Policies Presented to the Board—So noted in Agenda III-A.

Agenda Item IV—Policy Review/Discussion

- A. Bring Your Own Device, Policy Code ???-- Mrs. D'Amato suggested that this new policy be combined with the Student Possession and Personal Use of Electronic Devices policy. She reviewed all details of the policy and Jen Pacelli explained the use of the internet in school. PAC members shared their input and considerable discussion ensued including the use of devices for class work, where/when devices can be used, access to internet outside of school's WIFI, monitoring student use, teacher/student responsibility, and downloading applications. This policy will be continued for discussion at the next meeting.
- B. Fire Drill, Policy Code 6114.2—This item was tabled until more information is received.
- C. Fire in School Buildings, Policy Code 6114.1— This item was tabled until more information is received.
- D. Field Trips, Policy Code 6153—This item was tabled to the next meeting as Mrs. Cantafio and Mrs. Wich are still reviewing the input from the Board attorney.
- E. Enrichment Trips, Policy Code 6153.1— This item was tabled to the next meeting as Mrs. Cantafio and Mrs. Wich are still reviewing the input from the Board attorney.
- F. Public Conduct at School Activities, Policy Code 1316—This policy will be brought to the Board for a second reading on June 18, 2013.
- G. Student Conduct on Buses—This item was tabled until information is received from the Board attorney.
- H. Rescission of policy—At the suggestion of Dr. Paslov, Early Intervention for High School Students, Policy Code IGBC, will be presented to the Board for rescission at the May 21, 2013 meeting. This policy is being rescinded because information in this policy is contained in the new School-Wide Tiered Instruction and Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) policy.

Agenda Item V—Policies on Hold

- A. Interscholastic Athletics—Mrs. Fisher conveyed that Athletic Director Mike Herbst had some concerns regarding the Private Travel forms attached to the policy. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the forms were necessary. Mrs. Ciarmella will speak with Mr. Herbst to clarify.
- B. Modification Options K-8, Policy Code 6140—It was noted that this policy should be reviewed by PPS Director Dr. McGrath for changes and/or deletion of policy

- C. Parent/Guardian Complaint, Policy Code 1312—Mrs. Tesoro conveyed that she has reviewed area district policies and would like information from CAFE before revising the policy.
- D. Naming of Buildings and Sites, Policy Code 7551—On hold per Board Of Education Chair Stephen Wright.
- E. Collection Development Policy for Trumbull Public School Librarians, Policy Code 6161—Mrs. Mottolese and Mrs. Wich are the sponsors of this new policy which is in development.
- F. Service Animals, Policy Code ?—Mrs. Fisher will sponsor this policy.
- G. Distribution and Promotion of Products, Services and Informational Materials, Policy Code KJ--Mrs. Ciarmella conveyed that this policy needs updating as procedures that are outlined in the policy are no longer followed. Mrs. Seaman and Mrs. Chory volunteered to co-sponsor this policy.

At this time, Mr. Banks shared that the High School Attendance policy needs some minor revisions. He and Mrs. McDougald-Campbell shared various issues with the current wording of the policy and have updated the policy to streamline the appeals process, define terms, and provide additional clarification. Discussion ensued and this policy will be continued for discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The next meeting for PAC will take place June 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.