

New Bedford Public Schools
Paul Rodrigues Administration Building
455 County Street, Room 224
New Bedford, MA 02740

Policy Subcommittee Meeting
August 7, 2017
5:30pm – 6:52pm

Present: Mr. Joshua Amaral, Mr. Christopher Cotter, Dr. Jason DeFalco, Dr. Pia Durkin, Mr. Bruce Oliveira

Also in attendance: Ms. Heather Emsley, Mr. Andrew O'Leary

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm.

The minutes from the January 18, 2017 Policy Subcommittee Meeting were reviewed. Voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Cotter to approve the minutes.

Chairperson Amaral opened the discussion on Policy JICJ and JICJ-R, Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices. Dr. DeFalco spoke about New Bedford High School Headmaster Bernadette Coelho's opinion on internal procedures at New Bedford High School. Ms. Coelho does not feel the policy is necessary as a flexible procedure works in the New Bedford High School handbook. Mr. Oliveira discussed appropriate language that will require appropriate procedures like New Bedford High School.

The Chair opened a discussion under New Business on district positions and approval of new positions. The Committee discussed the MASC and GCA policies. Discussions centered on approval of positions by title or by assignment. The Committee discussed change from TLS to CIS at the middle school level. Ms. Emsley discussed how the committee already approves job descriptions. Mr. O'Leary mentioned a new Bookkeeping position as an example of a position the Committee would approve.

The Chair opened a discussion under New Business on dual enrollment where middle school students would attend one class at New Bedford High School. The Committee expressed concern about a pilot program for Alma Del Mar Charter School for Eighth Grade students including cost implications and class size implications.

Under New Business, the Facilities Department Development Goals, Mr. Oliveira motioned to recommend to the Committee an addition to Policy FA and FA-E to include the following language: "When choosing a site for a new school facility preferential considerations must be given to locations that maximize the number of students who can walk or bicycle to school. The motion was seconded by Mr. Amaral and voted on unanimously.

Under New Business, Mr. Cotter motioned to propose that the review of the policy manual be presented to the full Committee for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oliveira and voted on unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.



Andrew O'Leary
Business Manager