Policy Committee Meeting July 11, 2022

Call to order 6:00PM

Attendance: Shannon Snyder-present; Terry Draper-present; Bethanne Sellers-present, Cristeen Beck-present

Additional Attendees: Brad Group

Old Business:

Discussion re: Policy 006.1 Attendance at meetings Via Electronic Communications. Policy was born out of the pandemic and relates specifically to board members. It fell off the radar in draft form, although had a 2nd reading. Discussed updating to include electronic means making the language more current. Mr. Draper questioned "extraordinary circumstances." General discussion re: not wanting excessive attendance by electronic means, but circumstance sometimes necessitate due to private work obligations. Explored options related to holding meetings electronically due to weather. Mrs. Beck clarified that Board President must be in person or solely electronic due to need for a quorum. Recommended update to include attendance electronically with Board President approval.

New Business:

Discussion re: Policy 137 Home Education Programs-Reviewed by Stock and Leader and added language to clarify. Mrs. Sellers questioned if AR's are in place as relates to this policy. Mr. Group clarified that buildings have AR's related to home education. Requested clarification on formal documentation of AR's. Mr. Draper questioned how services are provided for students with disabilities.

Discussion re: Policy 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students- Reviewed by Stock and Leader with no recommended updates. Mrs. Sellers questioned how home educations are notified of extracurricular activities. Discussion re: AR's around notification.

Discussion re: Policy 138 Language Instruction Education Program for English Learners- Updated by PSBA. Reviewed by Stock and Leader. Discussed adding language re: contract with CAIU for services. Mr. Draper questioned what happens if an EL wants to use home education. Mr. Group clarified screening process and qualified supervisor requirements.

Discussion re: Policy 140 Charter Schools- This policy has not been updated in 10 years. Reviewed by Stock and Leader with recommendations for minor language updates. Clarified that this may need updated pending changes in regulations.

Discussion re: Policy 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Students- No reviews in 10 years. Reviewed by Stock and Leader and recommended approval with updated language. Clarified that this may need updated pending changes in regulations.

Discussion re: review of Student Handbook- Dress Code language. Clarified that review is for feedback purposes only to administration. Discussion re: how do we define “offensive?” Mrs. Sellers provided feedback with the opinion that it cannot disrupt the educational environment. Discussed concern re: language re: “Guiding Principles” definition for K-6 grades. Discussion re: hoodies as permissible by classroom teacher.

Mrs. Snyder confirmed recommendation for Policies 137, 137.1, 138, 140, 140.1 for approval by full board at August 1, 2022 meeting for first reading.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49PM