

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm
WCSU Conference Room and on Zoom

Attendees: Elliot Rubin, Carin Park, Matt Stout, Sam DiNatale, Sherry Sousa, Raphael Adamek, Joe Laws

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Amendments to agenda: Elliot moves to re-order the agenda to frontload the School Crisis Policy. All approve.
3. Public comment: Joe Laws speaks on the experiences of behavior disruptions in his son's 1st grade classroom at KES. Letter attached [here](#). Brief discussion on some of the actions the Board has directed the Administration to take to follow up on behavioral concerns.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Corrections/Approval of minutes of Jan 24 2023. Action taken: Minutes are unanimously approved.
5. WCUUSD School Crisis Prevention & Response Policy: Eliot presented this new policy drafted following a model policy from the Vermont School Safety Center. Discussion acknowledged that much of the policy is already being implemented procedurally, but that there is no standing policy. The WCSU Emergency Operations Plan Table of Contents was reviewed as a basis for understanding the procedures and plans in place in the District that accord with the policy. The committee also discussed that this policy relates to crisis prevention and response and there are other policies that address other behavioral guidelines in place in the District, such as C5 [Firearms](#), C10 [Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying](#) > C10-P...[Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Procedures](#), C12 [Prevention of Sexual Harassment as Prohibited by Title IX](#), and C20 [Student Conduct and Discipline](#). Matt suggests adding language in the Crisis policy to address the specific concern of timely notification to parents/community when threats or incidents involving deadly weapons happen. The committee drafts the addition. Action taken: Elliot moved to bring the draft policy to the next full Board meeting on February 17th. All approved.
6. Student Athletics Policy (new build): Carin presents an early draft of a School-Sponsored Student Activities and Athletics Policy. Discussion centers around the stated needs of the administration to have policy guidance to navigate decisions on activities and athletics in terms of their financial impact on the District. Raph agrees to provide information on how the District accommodates students from other schools within its programs currently. The Committee asks for a report from the Financial Director Jim Fenn at the next meeting detailing the financial impact of athletics and student activities, to facilitate discussion of policy ideas that support equitable and fiscally responsible decision-making.
7. Review of policy ranking queue.
8. Public Comment: None
9. Adjourn: 8:34 p.m.