

Policy Committee Meeting June 20, 2022

Attendees: Matt Stout, Jen Stainton, Elliot Rubin, Raph Adamek

Matt Stout calls meeting to order at 6:43

Amendment to agenda: Matt Stout will share some information regarding VT's new branding policy requirement.

Public Comment: None

Jen Stainton shares an update on the Title 1 policy requirements (E1 - Title 1 Part A Parent and Family Engagement).

- Though previously we had been told that procedural language needs to be included within the policy, the AOE is now developing a rubric that allows us to pull out much of the procedural language. This would then be more in line with how our policies normally read.
- Jen offered to look into the rubric and adjust the policy accordingly. This may be a substantial change so we would have to do another 1st reading at the full Board meeting.
- Question whether there is an issue as to timeline with this delay. Jen says that the AOE knows we are working on it and it is more important to get it right.
- Motion to direct Jen Stainton to substantially revise the policy in light of the forthcoming AOE rubric, and to repeat a 1st reading at Full Board with a new draft. Motion passes.

Elliot gives an update on research he has done on Records policy.

- VSBA had updated C1 to be in compliance with FRPA, and Elliot is working on relevant revisions. He has added definitions of 'records' and 'school official,' and has suggested revisions for other portions on records request compliance, and record retention for medical records. He will work up a draft to be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

Matt gives an update on VT Branding policy requirement.

- The state is scheduled to publish its recommended draft Branding policy by August 1st. After this is published, the committee can review it and decide whether it will recommend a different policy. The District Board has until January 2023 to adopt our own policy or, by default, the State policy will go into effect.
- Since the State's draft should be published before our next committee meeting, we can put it on the agenda for the August meeting.

Future policy needs: Raph reports that Garon Smail has some thoughts on possible policy changes (involving a possible "Student Activities" policy, and a possible revision to the current Grading policy. Raph can give some guidance at next meeting around that and/or Garon may want to present to the committee. Matt notes that if principals have concerns or thoughts about policy changes that would support them, he is very interested in doing the work. Others agree.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09