

Policy Committee Minutes
March 20, 2023

Attendance: Elliot Rubin, Sam DiNatale, Owen Courcey, Carin Park, & Raphael Adamek
Visitors: Aaron Cinquemani

1. Call to order: 6:35pm
2. Amendments to agenda: Adding to the agenda a “meet and greet” for new members of the board and committee. Carin questioned the length of the agenda.
3. Public comment:
 - Aiden Keough-Vella spoke on the grading policy. Was positive to just have one central location for grades and school work being Google/Alma. Biggest concern was the loss of the decaying average.
 - Owen Courcey spoke as well on the grading policy and read a note from Ella who is in support of keeping JumpRope. Will forward to board members. Owen was positive about policy grading changes.
 - Rachel Eggum spoke positively about the policy change and the change to just one platform.
 - Gordon Modarai of Pomfret spoke. Said JumpRope is inefficient and isn't accurate with up to date grading.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Corrections: Adjournment time changed to 8:34pm. Approval of minutes of 2/13 meeting. Moved to approve by Sam DiNatale.
5. Policy #1 WCUUSD School Crisis Prevention & Response Policy.
 - a. Motion by- Carin makes motion to refer policy back to full board for third reading.
 - Sam DiNatale makes a motion to amend that we send the policy back to the board for a third reading with a change to the last paragraph to “All crises involving use...” Motion Passes
 - b. Discussion- Carin spoke on changing wording. Aaron spoke approval for definitions in policy. Further conversation on the use of word “incidents” in the last paragraph.
 - c. Disposition: Aaron spoke of making a presentation to the full board on this policy and the steps taken when a school crisis happens.
6. Policy#2 PBIS Data Gaps and Transparency
 - a. Discussion- Raph discusses his work with Joe Laws about sharing the data with the community and the process to make it happen. Doesn't feel it warrants a policy at this time.
 - b. Vote: Non needed
7. Policy#3 Grading Policy (tabled in Nov 2022)
 - a. Motion by- Carin to move the policy as written to the full board for a second reading.
 - b. Discussion- Raph discusses feedback he got from the staff and student body.
 - c. Vote: Passed
8. Policy#4 Student Athletics Policy

Discussion- Jim spoke on the finances of it. Said we are equitable for most aspects of athletics except for in some sports- for example hockey & mountain biking. A lot more conversation regarding equitability in the cost of sports.
Further Discussion and work needed.
9. Public Comment: Rachel Eggum spoke and suggested to investigate a Smiles Amazon account towards fundraising for sports.
10. New Business: Elliot nominates himself to review the Health and Wellness policy for the future. Sam volunteers for the C21 Search & Seizure (from VSBA recommended) & Administration of Federal Grant Funds policies.

11. Adjourn at: 8:07pm

Minute taker: Sam DiNatale/edits by Elliot Rubin