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Torrington Public Schools

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Policy Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M. Migeon Avenue

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:13 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Todor, Ms. DePretis (Remote), Mr. Mangelinkx (Teacher Representative)
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Fappiano (Remote), Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Herold, Ms. Klimaszewski
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Todor made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Richardson. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Todor made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Richardson. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Review of Crosswalk Between Current TBOE Policy Manual and Shipman & Goodwin's Model Policy Index: Ms. Fergusson thanked Ms. Schulte for this undertaking. The document lists all the policies that Shipman and Goodwin have and the policies the BOE has. The list also includes when the policies were last updated or reviewed. The committee agreed that renumbering policies to match Shipman and Goodwin's series is necessary. There are 20 Shipman and Goodwin policies that we do not currently have.
 - b. Next Steps: The BOE has 40 policies that Shipman and Goodwin does not have and S&G has 20 policies that the BOE does not have. The committee agreed to renumber, align them, and consider them a series at a time, with the priority being to identify what we must have and what is optional. Renumbering would be the next step before the next BOE meeting. The board discussed whether or not changing the numbers has any impact on signatures related to the handbook. Ms. Hoehne stated the next step is to bring to the full board the renumbering to go along with Shipman and Goodwin. Next meeting, the committee will bring the 1000 series and our new 1000 series, and we will review what we don't have. The series must be sent to everyone 2-3 weeks before hand.

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- c. Update to TBOE Policy #2011 – Face Coverings/Masks – The committee agrees that there should not be any words or letters on the masks and to adopt the same language as reflected in the student handbooks regarding clothing. Mr. Kissko prefers that language be added to the policy to indicate that the policy becomes null and void upon expiration of the Governor’s executive order. The committee decided to leave the policy as it currently reads: “Until further notice...”
 - d. Topics for Future Meetings:
 - e. Bullying
 - f. 1000 series
7. Comments for the Good of the Order (paraphrased)
- John – “Ed Advance annual meeting is October 7th at 5:30 P.M.”
- Mark – “It is amazing to be working in a school full of children. It is amazing to be back.”
- Sue L. – “Many thanks to Sue, Kim and Ellen for doing the policy crosswalk.”
- Kim – “I am excited, thank you. I will get this to you at the end of this month.”
- Cathy – “It is nice to have a visual in front of us.”
- Sue F. – “Thank you to Kim.”
- Ellen – “Thank you, this was a very big undertaking.”
8. Adjournment: Ms. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M .