

Policy Committee Meeting

March 27, 2017 6:00 PM
Derby Middle School Cafetorium
73 Chatfield Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

I.a. Opening Ceremonies

I.b. Roll Call at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Mr. Andy Mancini, Chair
Mr. Ken Marcucio
Mr. Dan Foley
Mrs. Janine Netto
Mrs. Chris Robinson
Mr. George Kurtyka
Mrs. Laura Harris
Dr. Conway

II. Public Participation

The following people addressed the committee:

Mrs. Casey Pacheco - 12 Jeanetti Drive
Mrs. Tara Hyder - 51 Franklin Avenue
Ms. Kaylee Hyde - First Grade Teacher, Irving School
Mrs. Francie Mengold - Bradley School Nurse
Mrs. Barbara Sobolisky - Kindergarten Teacher, Irving School

Public inquired as to what the forum is for tonight's meeting. Chairman Mancini stated that the committee would listen to the various viewpoints tonight and put a committee together to review all the information and make recommendation back to the Policy Committee.

Parents and staff agree that the objective is the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Past standing orders was a no Lice/nit policy. If a staff member suspected lice/nits they would send the student to the nurse to be checked, and if lice/nits were found, the nurse would contact the parent to take the child home for treatment. Classmates and family of the student would be sent to the nurse to be checked out for either return to class or to home.

The US Department of Education and the CDC worked together to provide guidelines to reduce the stigmatism of lice and procedures surrounding them. Dr. Conway stated that this is a very sensitive issue and we need more time to discuss all viewpoints, revisit the medical recommendation and to bring information forward to the Policy committee to make a recommendation to the Board of Education.

Policy revision takes months to go through because you have to draft a policy by the committee and then bring the policy to a regular Board meeting for a first and a second read before adoption. We will take our time to be thoughtful and deliberate and with a process of inclusiveness.

III. Review Policy on Lice

The policy is global as are most policies. We will continue with our current policy and nothing will be changed, if at all, until we go through the formal process.

Lice/Nit Policy Sub-Committee

Francie Mengold, Chair, Bradley School Nurse

Kailee Hyde - Irving School teacher

Edwin Croft - Irving School Teacher

Melissa Kellogg - Irving School parent

Kimberly and Michael Cashman - Irving School parents

Missy Calvert - Irving School parent

Alicia Olenoski - Bradley School teacher and Union Representative

Barbara Sobolisky - Irving School teacher

Carla Lombardo - Bradley School parent

Andy Mancini

Laura Harris

Dan Foley

Ken Marcucio

IV. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the Policy committee meeting was made by Mr. Andy Mancini, second by Mr. George Kurtyka. All in favor. Motion passed.

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Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to approval at the next Board meeting.