

BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Subcommittee Meeting

Name of Subcommittee: Policy Meeting type: Special
Date of Meeting: 7/27/21
Members present: Samantha Mannion, Rick Regan, Stephanie Strazza
Members absent: Kathy Baker
Other attendees: Dr. Pat Cosentino, Kimberly LaTourette, Ed Sbordone
Minutes submitted by: Kimberly LaTourette
Place of Meeting: Policy Subcommittee (7/27/21 at 6 p.m.) Web: <https://zoom.us/j/96306619616>
Dial In: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 963 0661 9616

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Policy C-19-1250 – Visitors, Volunteers and Observations in Schools

Dr. Cosentino expressed concerns about visitors in the school regarding COVID last year and this coming year. Now we will also have extended construction going on. We would like to update policy to encompass both for a good amount of time. This policy was prepared as a draft, and it will replace/suspend the others until December 31, 2023. We are not saying that there will not ever be visitors, but they will have to go through the principal's office. PPTs, special meetings, and such may be allowed. There is also very limited parking. A discussion about mask mandates took place as well, and it was recommended that the following be added as a bullet: *All visitors must adhere to all health and safety guidelines, including masks.*

Policy 3517.3 – The last paragraph restricts access to track and field during special events. Dr. Cosentino said that everything is closed during school hours. This policy is more for sporting events. There was discussion about importing this language into the new policy. It would make sense because it is not anywhere else, but it doesn't make sense because of the title. Change to "Visitors, Volunteers, and Access to Campus" - add restricted access piece (track and field during athletic events).

Motion: To move Policy C-19-1250 – Visitors, Volunteers and Observations in Schools, as amended by the subcommittee, forward to the full Board for approval

Made by: Rick Regan Seconded by: Samantha Mannion

Recording of Vote: All in favor

Motion: To suspend Policies 1250, 1250.1, 3517.3 and 6162.4 and bring to the full board

Made by: Rick Regan Seconded by: Stephanie Strazza

Recording of Vote: All in favor

III. INFORMATION ITEMS - None

IV. OTHER - Stephanie asked if we needed to put anything in place based on CDC guidelines. Today, the CDC is recommending all students and staff, K-12, wear masks at the start of school. Dr. Cosentino will send out staff letter Monday and a parent letter and video shortly after that. Most of our students are not vaccinated and the Delta virus is spreading. We have to know which staff members have been vaccinated or not. Parents do not have to tell us, but Dr. Cosentino is hoping they will for quarantining purposes. Teachers will be encouraged to take their kids out and offer mask breaks, and we are also encouraging 3 feet distancing whenever possible. We are working on the reopening plans with more details.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Made by: Samantha Mannion

Seconded by: Rick Regan

Recording of vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at: 6:31 p.m.