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LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Central Office, Lower Level Room 4A.

MINUTES

9:08 a.m. Jessie Steigerwald called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. In attendance: Jessie Steigerwald and Judy Crocker. Minutes were taken by Jessie Steigerwald

1. Initial Discussion of Section J: Students

Jim Hardy, our consultant from Massachusetts Association of School Committees, sent Section J to us on November 26th. This will be our first discussion of policies included in Section J. This is a lengthy section and we will begin with a discussion of process and timing. Dr. Ash has been sent Section J and will review policies with appropriate staff members to include their comments. That discussion will take place at a future meeting.

JB EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY (L)

Lexington's version is more detailed and covers requirements for staff training. It isn't clear whether this policy was adopted or not. The version we have has strike throughs and MASC believes it may be a version that was in the process of being edited.

Questions for Dr. Ash: Does the Diversity award include money? Who determines the amount of the gift? Are there any issues around gifts or donations that we should be aware of?

JB EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (MASC)

JBA STUDENT-TO-STUDENT HARASSMENT

Add Lexington in first sentence.

Flag: admin. guidelines for this should be in the appendix section.

Question for Paul/ Jennifer Wolfrum: what is the current harassment language that students might be using when they respond to YBRSurvey and report harassment?

JC ATTENDANCE AREAS

Flag: Add current district map to appendix with date.

Add to MASC JC: core values around assigning attendance areas

From Lowell:

- Space Availability
- Sibling Preference
- Non-Minority/Minority Balance
- Place of Residence (Proximity of residence to school)

JCA ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO SCHOOLS

2. Review and Discussion of Sections E & F:

These will be reviewed and discussed by full School Committee on Dec. 16th. Color copies were distributed to all School Committee members. Judy Crocker will mail copy to Abby Schwartz. Jessie Steigerwald will confirm that Paul Ash has a copy.

3. Updates to Sections G and H, with Discussion:

These will be reviewed and discussed by full School Committee in January.

Time: 10:14 - - Unanimously called recess for 25 minutes to go upstairs to the Upper Level Conference Room (adjacent to front door/front lobby) to PPC meeting for brief update and will return to continue with Section J at approximately 10:40 a.m. Leaving note on open door if anyone attends and would like to participate when we return to continue work on JCA.

Returned to meeting at 10:50 and Judy Crocker immediately made motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jessie Steigerwald and vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.