POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: March 15, 2016

Place: Board Room, Havemeyer

Present:

Members: Ms. Barbara O’Neill, Chairman

Dr. Gaetane Francis

Mr. Peter Bernstein (absent)

Other: Dr. Salvatore Corda, Interim Superintendent

The meeting convened at 1:35 pm.

* **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to approve the revised agenda. The

Motion was seconded by Ms. O’Neill.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed. MOTION PASSED

* **Action Items:**

1. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to approve the minutes

from 2-22-17 PGC meeting. The

motion was seconded by Ms. O’Neill.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed. MOTION PASSED

B. Preschool students with Disabilities

This policy required by CABE was discussed and slight modifications were made to the wording from the prior meeting’s discussion. Ms. O’Neill will try to find an existing policy where this language will best fit.

**Preschool Special Education**

The Board of Education (Board) recognizes the value of special education and its responsibility in ensuring that all resident preschool children with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in special programs and services from which they may benefit. The Board shall maintain an early intervention program for preschool-aged children identified through the “Birth to Age Three” screening process under regulations imposed by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) which identifies children with special education needs or developmental delays.

The District’s program shall be based upon the “reverse mainstreaming model” which maintains a significant number of non-disabled (regular education) students who serve as role models for the students with identified special needs. The Director/Supervisor of Special Education is responsible to coordinate and evaluate the program annually and make recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools ~~to be approved by the Board of Education~~.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish administrative practices and procedures in accordance with all Federal and State Statutes.

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to approve the new policy with changes as

Discussed. The motion was seconded by Ms. O’Neill.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed. MOTION PASSED

* **Discussion Items:**

1. E040 Tuition Students

The procedure was reviewed and some wording changes for clarification were made. The procedure will be forwarded to the Board.

B. Transgender Policy

Previous work on Nondiscrimination policy was reviewed. The current nondiscrimination policy includes language that is felt to cover this topic.

C. G 004 Policy Stewardship

Ways to streamline the process of policy changes was discussed including the pros and cons of a shorter process balanced against the need for adequate Board discussion and public input. The decision was to reach out to Board members and see if they feel PGC should pursue making changes.

D. Hiring and Evaluation of Coaches

Discussion of how to split content from CABE with regards into policy vs. procedure.

**Policy:** It is the policy of the Greenwich Board of Education (Board) that an athletic coach employed by the Board shall:

1) Adhere to all Board policies, rules and regulations **and state statutes**;

2) Conduct himself or herself in a professional manner;

3) Serve as a role model for students; and

4**)**Demonstrate competence and proficiency in his or her role as an athletic coach of a particular sport.

For purposes of this policy, the term “**athletic coach**” means any person holding a coaching permit who is hired by the Greenwich Board of Education to act as a coach for a sport season. Only coaches holding a permit issued by the State Board of Education who have completed an approved initial training course regarding concussions and subsequent review of current and relevant information on this topic and required refresher courses shall be permitted to coach intramural and/or interscholastic athletics for the District.

E. Notifications required by policies

Discussion of how to be sure all notifications required by state and federal statutes. CABE updates, legal advice, and other methods discussed.

F. Opt out list

Sal has a packet of the current Opt out forms. There was a discussion of how to be sure the list is complete.

G. E 004 Graduation Requirements

Discussion of current policy and prior suggestions for modification. Need to update the policy this spring as 2018 graduates should be aware very soon of performance requirements related to this April’s CT SAT results. Discussion of importance for Board to understand what the process is for identifying and addressing the needs of students who are not expected to meet (or have not met) SAT performance requirements.

H. CABE Policies

It was discussed that we are using CABE policies as our templates to update our policies and may consider adopting the procedures as well or modifying our system to one similar to CABE where policies and procedures are combined.

I. Physical Activity and Discipline

A brief review of the CABE policy. Dr Francis uncertain as to which components were required to be included. Ms O’Neill will try to determine that while Dr Francis will look at current policies to see where this new portion will best fit.

* **Update**

Consider notifying cabinet members after first discussion of a new policy that is expected to be approved so that they can begin to prepare procedures.

Currently, Dr. Corda reviews information from CABE and forwards to the cabinet member responsible for other

* **Adjournment**

MOTION: Dr. Francis moved to adjourn the meeting. The

Motion was seconded by Ms. O’Neill.

VOTE: 2 for, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaetane Francis

Approved 4/5/17

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