



**November 4**

**2019**

## **REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

The Policy Committee met on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at 11:00 AM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in the Board Office Conference Room.

### **ATTENDEES**

#### Policy Committee Members

Chairperson Ozie Davis III; Melanie Bates, Pamela Bowers

#### Administration/Staff

Emily Campbell, Director, Curriculum and Instruction; Kathleen Crable, Senior Executive Secretary; Daniel Daum, Security; Josh Hardin, Manager of Athletics; Dan Hoying, General Counsel; Paul McDole, Director, Human Resources; Justin Leach, Director, Research Evaluation and Testing; Sara Trimble-Oliver, Chief Information Officer; Lauren Roberts, Internal Auditor; Jennifer Williams, Science Curriculum Manager

#### Community Members

Marlena Brookfield, John Reeves, Julie Stark

### **Clark Montessori High School/Foundation Alcohol Waiver Request**

Clark Montessori Parent Julie Stark updated the Committee on the Clark Montessori High School Foundation request for the use of Clark Montessori's High School Cafetorium on November 16, 2019, to host their Annual Fund Kick-Off celebration.

The proceeds of the event will support the Clark Montessori Annual Fund.

The Foundation is asking for an alcohol waiver to serve beer and wine during the event.

**ACTION:** The Committee agreed with the request and will recommend approval of the waiver to the Board at the October 21, 2019 Regular Business meeting.

### **Continued Discussion: District Child Sexual Assault Procedures**

The Committee continued its discussion on CPS parent John Reeves' request to enhance the anti-bullying policy by including an even stronger policy on sexual/physical assault.

General Counsel Hoying reiterated that Board Policy 2260.02 – Prohibition Against Harassment of Students and Staff details the prohibited conduct.

Emily Campbell, Curriculum Director, and Dr. Jennifer Williams, Science Curriculum Manager, reviewed Policy 5311 – Wellness Curriculum with the group and provided an update on additional

State-mandated language that has been added to the policy around sexual abuse, assault and harassment. Dr. Williams also informed the group about Administrative procedures associated with the elements.

Mr. Hoying will address Committee member Bates' concern about if abstinence needs to be included in policy.

Ms. Bates expressed concern about how the parent community is made aware of what specific sex education classes are being taught.

Ms. Campbell will include the detail of classes under the standards that are outlined in the Wellness Curriculum Policy and update Administrative Procedures. She will update the information based on Ohio State law.

Mr. Reeves asked the Committee to consider partnering with organizations that could assist in programs focused on child sexual assault. He also suggested appointing a liaison to "spearhead" the work about educating on sexual assault.

Ms. Campbell advised that she will bring the sexual assault concern to the District's Wellness Committee.

**ACTION:** Ms. Campbell advised that she will reach out to Deputy Superintendent Amat about the Committee's request to inform the District's Wellness Committee about the need for professional development around sexual assault for staff and teachers.

### **Policy 5722 – School Sponsored Publications and Production**

The Policy Committee, at its June 20, 2019, meeting, discussed the Administration's suggested revisions to the policy regarding free speech of students as well as the rights of the school. In *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*, the Supreme Court recognized that rights of student journalists are not violated when school officials prevent the publication of certain articles in the school newspaper.

The policy was then recommended for approval at the Board's September 4, 2019, Regular Business meeting. The Board agreed to withdraw the policy at that meeting for further discussion.

The Committee discussed the policy and agreed with not including language that was recommended at the June 20, 2019, Policy Committee meeting.

**ACTION:** The Committee will recommend approval of the policy without the additional change at the November 4, 2019, Regular Business meeting.

### **Policies Scheduled for Review**

**ACTION:** The Committee reviewed and agreed with recommended revisions to the following policies and will recommend approval of the documents at the November 4, 2019, Regular Business Meeting.

- 8650 – Transportation by District Contracted Vans
- 9700 – Relations with Organizations

## **Transportation Policies**

Transportation Director Loren Johnson tabled the following policies for review at a future date. He is discussing with the Administration the impact of possible revisions to the documents. The policies will be removed from the agenda until they are ready for review with the Committee.

- Policy 5113 – Inter-District Open Enrollment
- Policy 5120 – Enrollment in Neighborhood Elementary Schools
- Policy 5610.04 – Suspension of Bus Riding/Transportation Privileges

## **Policy 8600.02 – Transportation of Students**

Mr. Johnson reported that he will update the Committee on “space available information” as it relates to transporting students.

Board member Bates advised to include language that references the use of “apps,” along with Smartcards.

Ms. Bates recommended centralizing bus transportation at the Cincinnati Recreation Centers in order for students to be picked up at the Centers. She will coordinate the effort with Mr. Johnson in the future.

## **Other Business**

### **Policies for Future Review**

The following policies will be reviewed at the November 21, 2019, Policy Committee meeting.

- 8310 – Public Records
- 8320 – Personnel Files
- 8330 – Student Records
- 8350 – Confidentiality

### **Use of Phones in Classroom**

Committee member Davis followed up with Mr. Hoying regarding his concern about a policy for the use of phones in the classroom.

Mr. Davis had concerns about students being on their phones during instructional time.

**ACTION:** Mr. Davis advised Mr. Hoying to review Policy 5136 – Cellular Telephones and Electronic Communication Devices Possessed by Students, and procedures at a Principals meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

### **Policy Committee**

Ozie Davis III, Chair  
Melanie Bates  
Pamela Bowers

### **Staff Liaisons**

Dan Hoying, General Counsel  
Paul McDole, Director, Human Resources  
Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Information Officer