

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
August 25, 2020

Item C-1-h

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 12:02 PM. The meeting was held by electronic communications due to the Covid-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

Tannia Talento, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member (arr. 12:22 PM)

Also present were:

Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator
Brian Stockton, Chief of Staff

The subcommittee reviewed the internal policy review processes, including the process for updating Policy Implementation Procedures (PIPs) when the associated policy was not being reviewed, and determined staff will provide an explanation when this approach is needed. The group also discussed how to manage policies that were paused in the review process due to the pandemic. These policies will continue through the process, with staff informing the subcommittee of the status and next steps for each policy. Also discussed was an advisory group request for additional time to provide feedback on policies. The subcommittee discussed how the policy review process provides for public comment, and agreed the current timeline allows sufficient opportunity for feedback. The group then discussed updating the policy review schedule periodically and how to ensure any changes are made public.

The Board members provided initial feedback on Policy L-9 Accreditation of Schools and on Policy J-6.8.1 Student Safety - Bullying-Harassment Prevention for staff consideration as these policies begin the review process. The group also briefly discussed Board feedback received on Policies F-1 Capital Improvement Plan and F-5.7 Capital and Maintenance Program as well as the associated PIPs. Also discussed was the need for additional time for Board members to review and provide initial feedback on policy revisions and the group agreed to adjust the process to accommodate this need.

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O'Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board