

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
January 25, 2021

Item C-1-h

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 2:06 PM. The meeting was held by electronic communications due to the Covid-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

Cristina Diaz-Torres, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member

Also present were:

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

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order. Mr. Smith provided a brief overview of the policies coming forward for Information and Action in the next several weeks.

Board members provided feedback on the revisions to Policy G-1.2 Staff Electronic Technologies Acceptable Use that have been proposed by staff. The group discussed how to clarify that this policy will apply to any device being used on APS property. Mr. Smith confirmed this policy revision is scheduled for Board action in April.

The subcommittee then discussed preliminary feedback on two existing policies that are beginning the revision process, Policy I-10.31 Counseling Crisis Management and Policy D-1.33 Community Activities Fund. The group discussed adding clarity to policy I-10.31 on what comprises a ‘local or national emergency’ and that feedback will be shared with staff for consideration. Ms. Diaz-Torres noted that a reference to School Resource Officers in this policy may need to be adjusted in the future. Also discussed was how restorative justice work in the schools and community will relate to this policy. There was no Board feedback on Policy D-1.33.

Mr. Smith then provided a brief update on the policy review schedule for the next several months. It was suggested that the Human Resources policies coming up for review be grouped and brought forward together, if possible.

The group then discussed a plan to simplify the policy implementation procedure (PIP) approval process. Going forward, following Board action on policy revisions, the Board Chair will announce the PIPs that were also updated as part of the revision process.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board