

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
April 19, 2021

Item C-1-g

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Monday, April 19, 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 at 2:06 PM.

Mr. Smith briefly reviewed the schedule of policies coming forward for Board action.

Board members shared feedback on Policy I-7.2.5.30 Prevention, Intervention, and Remediation, which will be presented for information and action at upcoming meetings. The group briefly discussed updating the policy to better reflect current language and practice and they also considered whether a policy implementation procedure should be developed to provide clearer direction to staff. Also discussed was whether summer school is mandatory.

The group then began to review several current policies related to Human Resources, including G-1.30 Goals, G-1.31 Human Resources Policies and Policy Implementation Procedures, G-2.4 Human Relations – Employee-Employer Communications, and G-3.2.3.30 Employee Health and Dental Insurance. The group discussed feedback received from Board members on G-1.30 Goals. Discussion of Policy G-1.31 focused on whether this policy could be subsumed into an existing policy. Due to time constraints the group did not discuss Policies G-2.4 and G-3.2.3.30, however Ms. Diaz-Torres agreed to provide written feedback on behalf of the Board.

The group then briefly discussed how best to manage a large number of policies coming forward for revision that need to be approved before school starts. It was suggested that the Board hold a work session or other mechanism to manage large groups of policies to keep the review process on track, and the group agreed to continue to look at options.

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board