

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
May 17, 2021

Item C-1-g

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 2:03 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 2:03 PM.

Mr. Smith confirmed there have been no changes to the schedule of policies coming for Board information and action. The group then discussed Board feedback on policies beginning the review process. Mr. Smith provided the rationale for bringing policy B-3.6.30 School Board Advisory Committees for review so soon after its revision in 2020. The group also briefly discussed Roberts Rules as they apply to appointed committees. Policy C-1 Goals was briefly considered, and Mr. Smith spoke to future plans to review all Goals policies as a bundle.

The group discussed minor edits to policies D-1.31 Financial Management - Budget Savings, D-2.35 Financial Management - Budget Direction, D-2.36 Financial Management - Budget Development, and J.-8.3.8.31 Food Services - Vending Machines. The discussion of the budget development policy included the topic of planning factors. The group then discussed policy M-6 Financial Management - Jointly Funded Projects-Programs, including the need to have a mechanism in place to maintain records for the Memoranda of Understanding that APS has established with other entities.

The group then briefly discussed plans for Board review of policy implementation procedures for the Board-specific policies. Also discussed was a plan to move policies forward over the summer, and how to manage moving content from one policy to another through a policy amendment rather than a revision. Also discussed briefly was providing governance training opportunities to future leaders by letting them participate in a policy review process. Additionally, the group discussed the School Plan policy and the structure and oversight of school plans. The subcommittee supported finalizing this policy review after the Chief of School Support is on staff to help coordinate this work.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board