

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
May 5, 2021

Item C-1-b

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 1:35 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 1:35 PM.

After summarizing the discussion from the May 3 subcommittee meeting, the group discussed proposed revisions to Policy J-7.4 Discipline. Ms. Diaz-Torres provided her comments in writing and reiterated general recommendations such as being consistent in language usage. It was noted that this policy had not been updated recently, and staff is preparing a more detailed document, the Student Code of Conduct, that will be informed by this policy and provided to students and families.

The group briefly discussed a process for approving the large number of policies that will be ready for Board action in the summer with the goal of approval before the start of the 2022 school year. Also briefly reviewed and discussed was the need for a comparison of resource deployment in the schools in terms of budgeted staffing versus actual staffing which was a topic of interest to Board members during the recent review of the staffing policy. Staff will continue to research this topic and will provide feedback to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board