

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
June 21, 2021

Item D-1-d

The Arlington School Board Policy Subcommittee convened on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 2:31 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
Melanie Elliott, Clerk

Mr. Goldstein called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM.

Mr. Smith briefly reviewed the policies coming forward for revision and approval by the Board in the next few months. The group discussed a request from staff to postpone presentation of the discipline policy for Information and Action as previously planned, due to the amount of feedback that was received on the draft policy revisions. The subcommittee discussed whether approval of this policy is needed prior to the start of school, and how a delay in revision will affect availability of the Student Code of Conduct, and agreed to discuss options further with staff.

At meeting time, there was no feedback from Board members on the existing policies coming forward for revision, including the following policies: E-5.1 Transportation; I-1.34 Early Childhood Programs I-7.2.1 Special Education Programs and Services; I-7.2.2 Gifted Services; I-7.2.9.31 Advanced Classes and I-7.2.9.30 Program Differentiation. Board members agreed to provide any written feedback to staff by the end of the week.

Mr. Smith then confirmed the Policy Review Team will be holding a retreat to look at the policy review process, and invited the Board members to provide any thoughts or suggestions they would like to share. Ms. Diaz-Torres confirmed that work is continuing on updating the section B policy implementation procedures. The group also briefly discussed the possibility of adopting the VSBA policy manual and whether APS would benefit from such a move.

The Subcommittee then discussed plans for the meeting schedule for the coming school year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board