

# GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 10, 2022  
5:30 PM  
ZOOM Meeting

In Attendance: Mrs. Anne Hurst, Chair; Mrs. Rachel Cormier, Member; Mrs. Jennifer Pelavin, Member

Absent:

Also in Attendance: Dr. Catherine Goguen, Chief Academic Officer

Mrs. Hurst called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mrs. Cormier to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 Policy Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The following policies were reviewed and determined that no changes were required. Therefore, the policies will be updated as “Reviewed March, 2022”:

- Policy AC – Non Discrimination
- Policy AC-R – Non Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation
- Policy ACAB – Sexual Harassment
- Policy JICK – Harassment of Students

Policy EBCFA – Face Coverings was reviewed and discussed. The Subcommittee recommended changes to remove procedural language as the District has a very comprehensive and dynamic Face Coverings procedural document to address such topics. The procedures document is frequently updated to align with the most recently updated guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH). The Subcommittee requested that the recommended changes be reviewed by Ms. McCaffrey, Director of School Health Services for final approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mrs. Cormier to send Policy DA with the recommended changes to the March full School Committee Meeting for a first read. The motion passed unanimously.

As there are no policies that currently need to be reviewed, the next Policy Subcommittee meeting will occur next school year in September, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to occur on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 with an alternate date of Monday, September 19, 2022 in the event of a scheduling conflict. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent’s Conference Room.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mrs. Cormier to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.