

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Policy Committee Meeting
April 25, 2018**

Committee Members Present

Mr. Dennis Weldon, Chairperson
Mrs. Sharon Collopy, Member

Dr. John Kopicki, Superintendent
Dr. Nicole Young, Member

Committee Members Not Present

Mr. John Gamble, Member

Others in Attendance

Mr. Glenn Schloeffel, Board President
Mrs. Jodi Schwartz, Board Member
Mrs. Karen Smith, Board Member
Mrs. Tracy Suits, Board Member

Kelly Carter, Principal – Gayman Elementary
Karl Funseth, Principal – Buckingham Elementary
David Heineman, Principal – Groveland Elementary
Mr. Jeffrey Garton, District Solicitor

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

The March 28, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without changes.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>FOLLOW UP</u>
216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records	Policy on hold – under legal review by PSBA	Policy on hold
218 – Student Discipline	Mr. Garton expressed concern regarding the use of the word “immediately”, suggesting direction should be “as soon as practicable”. He also noted that the language regarding the Code of Student Conduct should state it “will be printed” in the district calendar, rather than just “will be made available”	Keep current policy – Move to First Read with changes: Under “Delegation of Responsibility” change the section to read: The Superintendent or designee shall publish and provide to all staff, students and parents/guardians the rules for student behavior contained in the Code of Student Conduct and the sanctions that may be imposed for violations of those rules. A copy of the Code will be made available in each school library and on the district website. The Code of Student Conduct will be printed in the district calendar and the student handbook. Add the Referral to Law Enforcement and Reporting Requirements from the proposed policy to the current policy but remove the word “immediately”
218.1 - Weapons	Committee agrees to keep current policy with changes	Keep current policy – Move to First Read with changes: Under “Possession” add: a student is in possession of a weapon when

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		<p>the weapon is found on the person of the student; in the student's locker or car; Under “Authority” change: In the case of an exceptional student, the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act It should now read: In the case of a student with and Individualized Education Program (IEP), the Superintendent shall take all necessary steps to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Under “Delegation of Responsibility” remove: <i>The Superintendent shall report the discovery of any weapon prohibited by this policy to the student's parents/guardians and to local law enforcement officials</i> Replace with: The Superintendent or designee shall react promptly to information and knowledge concerning possession of a weapon. Change: The Superintendent shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon, to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation It should now read: The Superintendent or designee shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving acts of violence or possession of a weapon, to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form in accordance with state law and regulation Remove <u>Guidelines</u> from current policy and replace with <u>Guidelines from proposed policy with highlighted changes: Guidelines</u> The Superintendent or designee shall as soon as practicable report incidents involving weapons on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school’s property, in accordance with state law and regulations, the procedures set forth in the memorandum of understanding with local law</p>
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		<p>enforcement and Board policies. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving weapons as a victim or suspect as soon as practicable. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the parent/guardian whether or not the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school property has been or may be notified of the incident. The Superintendent or designee shall document attempts made to reach the parent/guardian.</p> <p>In accordance with state law, the Superintendent or designee shall annually, by July 31, report all incidents involving possession of a weapon to the Office for Safe Schools on the required form.</p>
<p>218.2 - Terroristic Threats/Acts</p>	<p>The Committee agrees to adopt the new policy with changes</p>	<p>Adopt new policy with changes and move to full board for First Read: Under “Authority” change: <i>In the case of a student with a disability, including a student for whom an evaluation is pending... It should now read:</i> In the case of a student with and Individualized Education Program (IEP), including a student for whom an evaluation is pending Under “Guidelines” add: The Superintendent or designee may report incidents involving terroristic threats on school property, at any school-sponsored activity or on a conveyance providing transportation to or from a school or school-sponsored activity to a parent/guardian and to the local police department that has jurisdiction over the school’s property in accordance with state law and regulations...Remove “immediately,”: The Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian of any student directly involved in an incident involving a terroristic threat as a victim or suspect immediately, as soon as practicable. Add: In accordance with state</p>

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		law, the Superintendent or designee shall annually...
218.3 – Student Threats of Violence		Move current policy to full board for First Read
219 – Student Compliant Process		NOT ADOPTED
220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials		Keep current policy – Move to First Read with changes: “Definitions” – use <u>Definitions</u> from proposed policy Under “Delegation of Responsibility” add at the end: Disciplinary action may be determined by the administrators for students who distribute or post nonschool materials in violation of this policy and district regulations or procedures, or who continue the manifestation of unprotected expression after a person in authority orders that they desist. Disciplinary actions shall be included in the disciplinary Code of Student Conduct.[6]
221 – Dress and Grooming		Tabled for further review
222 - Tobacco		Keep current policy – Move to First Read
223 – Use of Bicycles and Motor Vehicles		Adopt new policy with changes and move to full board for First Read: Under “Authority”: remove the sentence <i>The Board prohibits the use of skateboards, mini-bikes, and motorcycles on school property.</i> Under “Delegation of Responsibility” change both sentences: The building principal or designee shall... It should read: The Superintendent or designee shall...
224 – Care of School Property		Adopt new policy with changes and move to full board for First Read: Under “Delegation of Responsibility” add: The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy that include: 1) Rules for safekeeping and accounting of textbooks, supplies and equipment. 2) Schedule of fines for lost or damaged textbooks, supplies and equipment.

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225 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies		Keep current policy – Move to First Read
226 - Searches		Tabled for further review and recommended language from Mr. Garton

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The scheduled date for the next Policy Committee meeting is May 23, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.