

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee – General Policies
August 13, 2019

Item C-1-c

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 2:40 PM at 2110 Washington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia.

Present were:

Tannia Talento, Chair
Barbara Kanninen, Member
Nancy Van Doren, Member

Also present was:

Julia Burgos, Chief of Staff

The subcommittee discussed the policy review process being implemented by staff, and agreed that it was effective. Ms. Burgos confirmed an overview of the process will be presented at the August 27 work session. The group then discussed the policies section of the APS Engage Web page, confirming that information will be updated as policies go through the review process.

Ms. Burgos then shared staff recommendations on the proposed inclusion policy, confirming that staff is considering if this should be a separate policy or should be incorporated into the equity policy. Additional recommendations on this policy will be presented in the fall.

The policy review calendar for SY 19-20 was shared with the subcommittee. There are 63 policies, scheduled for review, and the group reviewed the policies proposed for review by quarter. Staff will provide input on which policies they believe will need significant community engagement. Board members made a few suggestions for staff to consider as the policies are reviewed, for example, in terms of ensuring consistent guidelines in policies related to the various programs. Revisions to the grading policy were also briefly discussed.

The subcommittee then heard proposed amendments to the School Health policy that are needed related to how medications are provided to students, and confirmed this policy is ready to go forward for amendment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board