

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
April 14, 2020

Item C-1-d

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 2:06 PM, This meeting was held by electronic communications due to the Covid-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Julia Burgos, Chief of Staff
Lisa Stengle, Executive Director, Planning and Evaluation
Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. The subcommittee discussed revisions to policy J-5.3.30 Admissions and Placement and Policy J-5.3.31 Options and Transfers. The Policy Review Team has recommended that the content of these policies be reorganized into the following three policies: Admissions, Options and Transfers, and Administrative Placements. The draft documents included revisions to policy implantation procedures (PIPs) associated with these policies.

Board members appreciated the work done by staff to revise these policies and shared questions and feedback on proposed changes. Mr. Smith responded to questions and made note of changes suggested by the subcommittee to clarify the content. He confirmed that many of the changes reflect alignment of practice with state code. Topics discussed included home instruction, parental custody, documentation confirming residency, and extenuating circumstances related to admissions. The group also discussed student appeals and exemptions related to residency, which staff had suggested be moved to the PIP, but the subcommittee requested that those topics remain in the policy.

The subcommittee then discussed the Options and Transfer policy with Ms. Stengle and Mr. Smith, appreciating the improvements and clarifying changes made related to lotteries and admittance to neighborhood schools, option schools, and neighborhood transfers. Also discussed were aspects of this policy such as program descriptions, the use of waitlists, registration processes, and how prekindergarten programs are managed.

Due to the time, the subcommittee postponed discussion of the additional policies listed on the agenda. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board