

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Board Policy Subcommittee Meeting
June 16, 2020

Item C-1-e

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 2:06 PM, The 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
Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator

The subcommittee discussed proposed revisions to School Board Policy K-14.31 Volunteer Programs and the proposed deletion of School Board Policy K-14.30 Volunteers, as well as the associated policy implementation procedures. Ms. Burgos provided background on the recommended changes and how this relates to the partnership coordinator. Also discussed were how the revisions will affect volunteers and the visitor management system in the schools, confidentiality of volunteer information, and being inclusive while ensuring the safety of students.

The subcommittee then reviewed the draft Policy Review Calendar for SY20-21. The group recognized the challenges of the emergency closing that are impacting staff availability to work on policies. Also discussed were how many policies have not been reviewed in five years or more, and the group recognized some policies will need to be brought forward to address issues related to the reopening. It was agreed that this topic will be brought back to the next meeting. The group also discussed the Policy Engage web page and made suggestions to make it easier to provide feedback on policies and adding a document for Board access that includes all feedback received on policies.

The status of the Board advisory group policies was discussed. It was agreed that the individual policies for the Advisory Council on Instruction, the Budget Advisory Council, and the Advisory Council on School Facilities and Capital Programs can be retired, as they have been incorporated into Policy B-3.6.30 School Board Advisory Committees. Ms. Burgos confirmed that the staff is working on policy implementation procedures for the individual advisory groups. The group then discussed several options for the future structure and work of the Policy Subcommittee, and how to staff the work needed in managing the policy review process for the division. The group agreed that going forward, there will be two Board members assigned to the policy subcommittee, and assignment to the subcommittee, as well as the subcommittee chairmanship, will rotate through Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Tannia Talento, Chair
Arlington School Board