

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

Item C-1-g

The Arlington School Board convened on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 12:02 PM. The meeting was held by electronic communications due to the Covid-19 Pandemic emergency, using Microsoft Teams.

Present were:

Tannia Talento, Member
Reid Goldstein, Member

Also present were:

Matt Smith, Special Projects Coordinator

The subcommittee reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy review process, and it was confirmed the Board is supportive of the new approach. The subcommittee also discussed a central repository of all draft policy documents in a place that Board members can access. Mr. Smith agreed to bring back feedback from the Policy Review Team on how best to provide this repository.

Mr. Smith provided a brief update on the status of the Equity Policy, reviewing the steps the policy has gone through and will be brought to the Board for information and action at upcoming meetings. He also reviewed recommended adjustments to the Information and Action schedule for some policies and how this information will be shared with the subcommittee and the Board.

The subcommittee then reviewed the draft 2020-21 Policy review schedule, and discussed how, due to the need for staff to focus on preparing to reopen the schools, some policy work is being delayed. The group discussed how to add policies to the schedule and the time it takes for a policy to go through the review process, and suggested considering a 2-year rolling planning calendar which will help the Board plan ahead. Also discussed was how to determine when delay of policy review can be lifted, reviewing the policy schedule quarterly, and how to consider staff capacity when adjusting the review schedule. The draft schedule will be shared with the full Board and brought back for further discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 PM.

ATTEST:

Melanie Elliott, Clerk
Arlington School Board

Monique O’Grady, Chair
Arlington School Board