

Belmont School Committee Policy & Procedure Subcommittee Minutes
May 3, 2016
School Administration Building Conference Room

In attendance: Susan Burgess-Cox
Mary Pederson
Andrea Prestwich
Elyse Shuster

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:45 am

2. Elyse will ask Laurie Graham for any minutes left from last Spring/Summer that were awaiting approval.
3. Discussion about the need to update the CORI/fingerprinting policy, especially as we approach the 3 year mark of the first round of fingerprinting. (0005 policy). As we update, it was noted that we do not need to include too much detail related to procedures as this is more of a personnel issue and governed by State regulations.
4. Mary Pederson agreed to discuss the status of the Naming Rights Advisory Committee with Superintendent Phelan at their next meeting to see where it stands. This topic needs to be discussed with the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, David Kale.
5. Advertising and Sponsorship policy work to be continued from where we left off in the spring. Mary Pederson will check with Superintendent Phelan to see if he wants to preview our draft policy prior to the School Committee's first read. Mary will ask Counsel to review. We would ideally have this in place prior to the end of this school year, so will try to do a first read at the May 24th School Committee meeting, with a final review and vote on June 7th. We may also try to update the CORI policies at these meetings as well.
6. Discussed the need to update our calendar and religious holiday policy after changes voted in and instituted going into the 2016-17 school year. The School Calendar Working group will be meeting on Monday (5/9) and will be putting together some guidelines and recommendations for the policy subcommittee. Discussed the idea of putting together an exhaustive listing of holidays to include in general school calendar (as does Arlington and several other towns). This idea sparked a conversation about why we would do this if the policy we voted into place was to include NO observance of any religious holidays? To be continued...
7. Agreed to meet next Monday, May 16th at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by


Elyse Shuster, Secretary