

MINUTES

SAU 39 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT*** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 ***DRAFT

SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL, MAIN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

SCSD Board Members: Steve Coughlan (Minute Taker), Amy Facey, **ASD Board Members:** Galen Tremblay, **MVSD Board Members:** Sarah Lawrence, **Superintendent:** Peter Warburton, **Souhegan High School Community Council Member,** Mitchell Jacobs

Chair Galen Tremblay – Call to order at 12:18 PM.

Discussion of Transgender Policies and Community Council decision regarding rest rooms.

- Superintendent Warburton reviewed the Oyster River, Portsmouth, and Pembroke Transgender policies, and the guidance provided by Atty. Dean Eggert to the SAU administrators regarding Federal and State law, Executive Orders, Agency Guidance, and court decisions.
- Mitchell Jacobs reviewed the Community Council request that Gender-neutral bathrooms be designated in both the main building and the annex, and handed out the supporting documentation from the Council.
- Possibility of amending Policy AC (Non-Discrimination) to include “Gender Identity” as a protected attribute was discussed. The consensus that this should be done, as it would enable actions in response to any specific set of facts.
- Other policy options were discussed. Mitchell noted that the Souhegan GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) meets Friday afternoons after school, and could be consulted for clarifications on the Community Council motion and debate, which go back two school years.
- Mitchell left the meeting at 12:45 PM.
- Discussion continued, including the authorities and responsibilities of the school board, Community Council, and administration as defined by the Souhegan Constitution. No decisions were made on the subject.

Discussion of Other Policy Status.

- BEDC amendment proposed by both Steve and Galen to resolve a problem with the definition of a quorum, to assure that more than ½ of the members are present. Agreed and amended policy is ready to go to the SAU board.
- Sarah reported that all the policies identified as not-yet-adopted by the MVSB at the last meeting have been adopted, except for IGE, which is on the 2/22 SAU Board Agenda.
- John Glover emailed a revised draft of policy KD immediately prior to the meeting. It will be taken up at the next meeting, along with KA. The Chair intends to complete discussion and move these along to the SAU board at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **March 14 at 12:15 PM in the Souhegan High School Main Office Conference Room.**
- **March 21 at 12:15 PM at the Brick School.**

NEXT TOPICS:

- **Continue discussion of Transgender Policies and Community Council rest room decision. Mitchell Jacobs and Souhegan Dean of Students Kelly Driscoll to be invited.**
- **Policies KA/IJO and KD/KDC.**

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:30PM