

APPROVED MINUTES

SAU 39 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

BRICK SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

PRESENT: SCSD Board Members: Anna Goulet-Zimmerman, John Glover; **ASD Board Members:** Victoria Parisi (via Zoom); **MVSD Board Members:** Sarah Lawrence (Chair), Jessica Hinckley; **Administrative Assistant:** Abby Wallace; **Public:** Steve Coughlan (Minute-taker).

Chair Sarah Lawrence – Call to order at 8:15 AM.

Planning Future Meetings: 7/28 (8AM-12), 8/2 (8AM-12), 8/11 (8AM-12), 8/25 (8AM-12) all have quorums based on current availability.

Approval of Minutes: Anna G-Z moved to approve the minutes from 5/25/22, Jessica H. seconded, minutes approved 4-0 (1 abstention).

Policy BBBC, Board Member or District Officer Resignation: This was approved last year, and it's back because there's an NHSBA Update. John G. will review the update for future review

Policy IHCD/LEB, Advanced Coursework: John G. and Anna G-Z will review. Comments in Trello recommend rescinding in ASD and MVSD because it's really applicable only to High Schools.

Policy EBCG, Communicable and Infectious Diseases: Jessica H. stated that it doesn't exist in any district, but probably is needed. GBGAA should be rescinded in MVSD and SCSD, and then this adopted in all districts as it's more comprehensive. Nurses recommend minor edits to make it consistent with current practice and allow for more flexibility in cleaning, and recommend the policy be adopted. **Policy JLCG (Exclusion of Students)** is related, referenced in EBCG, and recommended to be adopted (as amended) by our attorney. John G. also wants to talk about the Emergency Policy for COVID next, since it is also related. Edits in the JLCG draft in the Trello card are all recommendations from Atty. Eggert. Anna G-Z. asked whether all the enumerated diseases were necessary to document, and discussion focused on criteria that are common to the list, including whether AIDS should be grounds for exclusion. List was jointly edited to reflect the most common risks, but retaining the key language that diseases identified by Public Health authorities are covered by this policy. RSA 200:39 was reviewed. Agreement on wording to remove sentence listing specific diseases (page 1). John raised the issue of what happens if two different Public Health agencies have conflicting recommendations. Discussion then moved to whether such a lengthy policy is necessary, or could it be simplified to address three core concerns: follow guidance from Public Health authorities, the nurses will make the decision to exclude, and the nurses have the support of the administration when making judgement calls. Many members expressed a desire to reduce (or in some cases eliminate) the procedural aspects of the current draft. Jessica H. will work with Deanna Cordts to simplify the current draft of EBCG. All agree that JLCG is ready for approval jointly with EBCG when EBCG is ready.

Section B.2.d.iii (Testing Social Distancing, and Other Extraordinary Measures) contains a reference to an un-numbered policy, which should be changed to "the provision of any other applicable policy"

Anna G-Z. asked what policies will be addressed next time. Sarah L. will use the current agenda card to just continue addressing teed up policies sequentially. Committee members should note in the agenda card when a policy they are responsible for is ready.

Motion to move JLCG forward (with EBCG) made by Jessica H, seconded by Anna G-Z., unanimous.

Motion to recommend rescinding GBGAA in MVSD and SCSD once EBCD is adopted made by Jessica H., seconded by John G., unanimous.

John G. asked about the two reasons for a student to be excluded: contagious disease or potential for harm to themselves or others (as well as other reasons for out-of-school suspensions, such as bullying, theft, etc.). John asks for a policy that provides more detail logic for parents to understand the decision process that can lead to exclusion. Jessica H. referred to comments from Meg Beauchamp about IDEA compliance. Sarah L. found two policies that refer to mental health: JLDDB (Suicide Prevention and Response) and JLDBA (Behavior Management – adopted in 2008 in SCSD, and consistent with the current NHSBA model [also 2008]). Sarah L. considered the case of a parent with mental health concerns for their student, and difficulty they might have in finding applicable policies. Many members expressed a desire not to add extensive cross-references to policies, because of the risk of outdated references languishing in policies.

Sarah L. suggested that a discussion move to the Board about whether mental health policies are needed. John G. restated that his concern is that there are policies that allow a student to be excluded from school, and the guidelines aren't present, and it all pivots on the approval of the Superintendent, with no information for parents as to guidelines, procedures, rights to discuss or appeal, or appeal processes. He will inquire of Mike B. and Steve Chamberlin about the parameters used. Sarah L. noted John G.'s concerns on the Trello card.

Policy JLCJA, Emergency Plan for Sports Related Injuries and Additional Protocols for Athletics

Participation is ready for approval. Kelli Braley (AD at SHS) has a plan that she is sharing with AMS, and it appears the policy is not applicable for the elementary schools since there are no organized teams. Sarah L. asked for a motion to move JLCJA forward, based on the recommendation of Christine L. at an earlier meeting. It's in the Trello board in a "formatted for final approval" format, but it still has some blanks to be filled in. Abby noted that she titled it that way because it has header and footer formatting, but still needs language adjustment. Discussion about the language that needs to be customized followed, with group editing on the spot. Review of the RSA disclosed that MVSD needs to adopt it as well, as all schools with grades 4-12 must have a plan. The model refers to policy EBCA, which doesn't exist. Language modified to refer to the Emergency Response Plan, not the EBCA Policy about the Emergency Response plan. Sarah L. asked for a motion to move JLCJA forward in all districts as edited (with an additional pass for gender neutral references and other style edits). Anna G-Z. moved, Jessica H. seconded, unanimous. Jessica H. will make the edits.

Emergency Policy on Personal Protective Measures is very out of date, referring to many expired Emergency Orders and no-longer-existing processes. John G. recommends rescinding it completely, and relying on the permanent policies for future pandemic responses. It was adopted August 10, 2020 in all three districts. John G. noted the temporary adjustments that were made to existing policies KI, KF, and Athletic Handbook procedures will also be rescinded if this is rescinded. Sarah L. tagged Superintendent Chamberlin and Assistant Superintendent Landwehrle in the Trello card to get their opinions. Victoria P.

suggested waiting to make the recommendation to rescind to the SAU Board until the Superintendents can weigh in.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 28, 8AM-Noon at the Brick School. Sarah L. asked if anybody has a policy ready to review, please add it to the June 2 card as part of the agenda in addition to the policies she will schedule.

Meeting adjourned by Sarah L. at 9:58 AM.