

DRAFT MINUTES

**Greenfield Public Schools
Policy and Program Subcommittee**

Date: July 24, 2018

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Admin Office

Attendees: A. Nunez, D. Alexander, Superintendent Harper
Mel Goodwin (Principal), Lisa McGuinness (Registrar)

Bob Cooley (Public)

Supporting Documents Received: N/A

Call to order:

12:33 pm

Agenda Items:

1. Public comment:

- a. Bob Cooley> support for discussion on curriculum. Notes his work with curriculum. Asks when will we discuss curriculum? Support for civics curriculum. Support for kids' letter to SC RE allergy policy. Asks how we make sure that everyone is represented in the curriculum. Offers his support and service to help with curriculum efforts.

2. Policy RE students not being picked up after school. (Continuation of previous conversation.) Recap of previous meeting. JH notes that July did not host leadership meeting. Mel is here to help with input. Noted that clear policy is needed. Important to ensure that the policy does not feel punitive and that we are clear about when police involvement. Noted that this may be a great place to start with MASC policy support service. Policy must be appropriate for Greenfield and meeting the needs of Greenfield parents. Noted that this is a small number of parents that are struggling with this.

MG>some regular patterns with some families. Notes that Holyoke has a policy (a Parent Center exists and receives children when parents don't show.) Notes that there is an education component for the parents: flyer, consider literacy of families. Need to meet with Principal or Counselor to help families be aware of resources available and access such resources. What are the things that the families need? Notes previous benefit of wellness check/s in households via

police. Some discussion on role of DCF. Some comment on concerns for safety of students/children. Notes that there is not always active phone numbers for parents. Concern for wellness of parents. Request for common practice and policy to support the practice.

AN asks about process and funding for Truant Officer/person. JH understands that the process may include collective bargaining with Greenfield Police and that the process for identifying the individual would be through their process. Some clarification on role of Truant Officer and how to address situation.

JH notes main needs for GPS:

1. Residency checks
2. Truancy oversight for those that are chronically truant
3. Oversight/support for when kids don't get picked up

Noted that Police officers can and do transport kids to and from school. MG notes that if a child is not picked up, they should be cared for in a location/situation that has multiple people for everyone's safety.

AN moves to recommend to the full committee that the Superintendent, in conjunction with the Chief of Police (as needed), consider options for truancy officer and identify funding to support the role. 2nd DA. AN—yes. DA—yes.

3. **Policy Review Program:** Update on status. Noted that contract is signed and follow-up in action with MASC. Desire expressed to prioritize policy on Truancy Support/Kids not getting picked up and Admin Salary related policy. Super notes that she and Business Manager are reviewing the admin salary info and recommends for next policy subcom agenda.

4. AN Moves to adjourn. 2nd DA. 1:42 pm

Next Meeting:

Admin Salaries

Adjournment time:

1:42 pm