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POLICY-COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017 8:45 a.m.

Attendees: Dr. Barbara Sargent, Wayne Doran, Cheryl Filler, Anna Shinn, Eric Zwerling

1. Policy 2431 Athletic Competition – Wrestling Request
 - A request from the wrestling coaches to include 5th graders in the program on a non-competing basis. Current Policy limits Athletic Competition. to 6th – 8th grade students. Proposal would move practice for the wrestling team to HBS to relieve some “crowding” of the gyms at RMS
 - The committee recommended that the 5th grade be offered a “club” activity that would meet with the wrestling team to allow 5th graders the opportunity to learn and participate in a wrestling program.
 - Further definition of the program was requested. No action from the board at this time.
2. Update on the request to review Tuition payment for a student as per District Policy 5118
 - The committee supports the request regarding tuition for this student based on the circumstances.
3. Policies for Second Read
 - P/R #1510 Americans with Disabilities Act (Mandated)
 - The committee recommends approval
 - P/R #2418 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Students (Mandated)
 - The committee recommends approval
 - P/R #5116 Education of Homeless Children
 - The committee recommends approval
 - P/R #8330 Student Records (Mandated)
 - The committee recommends approval
 - Class Size
 - The committee recommends approval
4. For Followup Discussion
 - Policy #5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote – RMS Nurses’ recommendation: “The guide states that a school district may develop and adopt policies and procedures regarding the use of an opioid antidote such as Narcan but is not required to do so. Mary Ann and I do not see a need for such a policy at this time (no suspected drug use reported at RMS for several years, local police/EMT carry Narcan).”
 - Review of the policy by the school nurses recommends that no policy is required in Readington as the local EMS and LEA already have the required medications and training. An additional item that was considered was the lack of overdose incidents in the schools.
 - The committee recommends no action at this time
 - Code of Ethics #3211 – There is no regulation for this policy.

- The issue was that the Policy refers to an NEA document that no longer exists. The committee recommends that the clause referencing the NEA remedies be deleted from the policy.

5. *Readington News* articles discussed for future publication

April Chromebook Initiative at RMS

May Budget

June Visual and Performing Arts

6. Budget Postcard

- Development of the card will take place after the budget is finalized and approved. Distribution of the card will take place in early May.