

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FAIRFIELD, CT
Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2013, 4:15 pm
Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Kennelly at 4:31. The other committee member in attendance was Paul Fattibene; Karen Parks represented the administration. Sue Brand was also in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of June 17, 2013 Meeting
Approved, 2:0:0
- III. Policy
 - BOE Mission and Goals – Develop Approval Process

Sue Brand presented the BOE Mission and Goals and explained how they were developed as indicated in these minutes. The committee reached out to all Town bodies to get input on the Educational Goals, Mission Statement and Long Term Goal. There were 6 meetings, each lasting 3 hours. The committee members were very respectful and cooperative. The committee removed the Beliefs Statements because they felt they were adequately embedded in the goals. The number of Educational Goals is reduced from 5 to 3 and they are based on what the graduate of FPS should have upon graduation. Sue indicated that the Mission and Long Term Goal are more specific and up to date than in the prior statements.

The Policy Committee members had a lengthy discussion on the wording of the Mission and whether or not being a “successful participant in an ever-changing global society” should be part of our Mission. For the Long-Term Goal, there was a recommendation to insert the statement “the unique qualities of the individual” after the word “recognizes” in the first sentence, and to add the words “achievement of” to the last sentence in Goal One after the words “continuous advancement and”. There was also concern about the phrase “responsible global citizens” as in the Mission. Regarding the Educational Goals, the following recommendations were discussed. Goal One, bullet 6, delete the words “their culture”; Goal Two, third bullet, first sub-bullet, replace the word “appropriate” with “effective”; Goal Three, bullet 4, insert the words “and international” after the word “national”.

There was also a discussion on the process for making changes to the work of the Mission and Goals Committee. It was decided in the Policy Committee that any substantive changes to the language of the Mission and Goals would be sent back to the M & G Committee before going to the full BOE for approval. The Policy Committee members decided to continue the discussion on the Mission and Goals at their next meeting on September 3, 2013 and asked Sue Brand to attend and invite additional Mission and Goals Committee members.

- #6200 Instruction – Curriculum, Alignment to 6200 AR
- IV. Open Discussion/Public Comment – See Sue Brand’s comments above.
 - V. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m