

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EDUCATION/COMMUNITY/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 12, 2017**

**6:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** J. Charnock, S. Leonard, T. Prykowski

**Others Present:** D. Holben, C. Dietrich, C. McCue, p. Gallagher, B. Santoro,

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2017

1. Approved

III. Topics Recommended for Action

A. Amended Board Policy #5140 – Students – Welfare – Student Wellness

Board Policy #5140 addresses Student Wellness. In accordance with revisions to the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act that take effect on July 1, 2017, the district's policy must be amended. Changes to the policy include the requirement for an assessment of the policy and its implementation once every three years as well as revising the policy as needed so that it accurately reflects the law, community needs, and assessment results. Results of the triennial assessment must be made public and be easily accessed.

B. School Calendar – Snow Days

The committee considered the options for making up any missed school days due to weather. Among the options were using Act 80 days; having school on in-service days and then rescheduling those in-service days; or have students attend school on election day in May and add days to the end of the school year. After considerable discussion, the committee recommended a variation of the third option which would result in only adding make-up days at the end of the school year. The committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board for approval.

C. Summer Kindergarten Readiness Camps

Another topic presented to the committee was holding Kindergarten Readiness Camps during Summer 2017. The camps will be held at Knapp, Kulp, Hatfield, and Oak Park elementary schools. Students who did not attend pre-school and who, when assessed at Kindergarten registration, were deemed to lack the prerequisite readiness skills were invited to attend the program.

IV. Topics for Information/Discussion

A. Cultural Proficiency Update

The committee received an update regarding the district's efforts to achieve cultural proficiency. This initiative began approximately 10 years ago and focused on professional development, closing the achievement gap, hiring a diverse staff, and creating a culture of equity and access. Efforts to promote these goals during the 2016-17 school year included Cultural Cadre and Executive Committee meetings,

presentations to staff by Dr. John Hodge and Dr. Julie Causton, student and parent forums, reviewing the Child Study Team process, and continuous efforts to hire a diverse staff. Included in the plans for next year are additional student forums, improving communication with parents and the community, and ongoing professional development.

V. Student Travel

None

VI. Student Representative Update

Pradyot Yadav, a senior and member of Student Government at NPHS, was introduced as the new student representative on the ECP Committee. He will serve on the committee for the 2017-18 school year.

VII. Other Business

Additional information regarding Kindergarten options will be presented and discussed at the next ECP meeting in August.

VIII. Public Comment Summary

A community member gave feedback about the DIBELS testing.

IX. Summary of Items Moved to Work Session/Action Meetings

Items moved to the Board Action meeting were Amended Board Policy#5140 – Student Wellness, School Calendar – Snow Days, and Summer Kindergarten Readiness Camp.

X. Next Meeting

August 14, 2017

XI. Adjournment

Meeting ended at approximately 7:36 p.m.