

COVID-19 Policies

From Dori A.: As discussed, it appears that the Board adopted all of the COVID-19 temporary policies except the Policy Concerning Temporary Policies and Regulations Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic (which states that, effective July 1, 2021, the COVID-19 temporary policies will be automatically repealed). Of note, this is the only COVID-19 temporary policy that is not included on the Board's website.

The minutes from the August 13, 2020 Board meeting state: "MOTION: (Cote/Skiff) To adopt the new policies and policy revisions noted in the COVID-19 Policy Packet. Motion passed unanimously." However, the policy packet considered by the Board is not readily accessible, and it is difficult to know whether the umbrella policy was considered and voted on by the Board (and inadvertently omitted from the website). ***If the umbrella policy was not adopted, then Board action will be required in order to repeal the COVID-19 temporary policies, with the exception of C-6 (Health and Safety Protocols), which can be extended for the 2021-22 school year.*** Such actions should be taken in accordance with Board policy.

Also, as we discussed, it appears from the Board website that the Board bylaws should undergo a full review to make sure they are complete and compliant with existing law. (*We should consider this as a next task*)

As a reminder, pursuant to the Health and Safety Protocols Policy (which we recommend should be continued for the upcoming school year), the administration is advised to continue to review and revise its specific health and safety protocols, in collaboration with public health guidance and local public health authorities, as the pandemic continues to evolve.

From Donna: Some of the policies related to COVID19 will be updated prior to the 2021-22 school year in light of changed regulations. This would be the best time for us to review these changes not only as COVID19 related policies but also with respect to our current policies regarding these issues that need to be updated.

I recommend that we make two motions at the June 10 meeting:

1. Repeal the following COVID 19 policies:
 - C1 Board Bylaws Meeting Conduct
 - C2 Green Cleaning
 - C3 Use of School Facilities
 - C4 Visitors and Observations
 - C5 Volunteers
 - C7 Employment and Student Teacher Checks
 - C8 FFCRA
 - C9 Use of District Computers
 - C10 Attendance
 - C12 Student Discipline

C11 Health Assessments
C13 Student Use of District Computers
C14 Transportation
C15 Use of Private Devices
C16 Use of Face Coverings in School

2. Extend the following COVID 19 policy through the 2021-22 school year
C6 Health and Safety Protocols

I also agree we need to review and update the BOE bylaws as needed. For example, we have policies related to administrative regulations and suspension of policies, but nothing related to the process for adopting policies.