

November 2024 Governance Agenda
November 11th, 2024
Building C, Conference Room
4:15-6:00PM

Members Present	Jules Kinkel (Community Board Director), Dr. Kate Hinton (Executive Director), Kari Koerner (Parent Board Director), Jennifer Neisse (Teacher)
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Legislative Updates

Policy Number	Discussion of Legislative Policies	Recommendation
418	<p>Adds protection for persons in MN Patient Registry Program.</p> <p>Math and Science Academy may not refuse to enroll or otherwise penalize a patient or person enrolled in the Minnesota Patient Registry Program as a pupil solely because the patient or person is enrolled in the registry program, unless failing to do so would violate federal law or regulations or cause the school to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations. [NOTE: The 2024 Minnesota legislature amended this law to add this protection.]</p> <p>What this means is that if someone is tested and is in the system, we can't punish them.</p>	Recommend Board approval
419	<p>Adds smudging as a permissible activity.</p> <p>Allows for American Indian students to use tobacco, sweet grass, etc for ceremonial purposes under the supervision of staff.</p>	Recommend Board approval
512	<p>Student Journalism policy adoption (new policy to be added).</p> <p>This is legislative but new for us so we're required to have it reviewed twice. It protects kids' freedom of speech. There are rules to prevent issues (e.g. if the article, post, etc. causes material or disruption [like rioting]). This can include various forms of media that are school-sponsored. Regardless of paid or free school-sponsored media is covered (yearbooks = paid, newspaper = free).</p>	First read for December Board Meeting
532	Adds school resource officer language.	Recommend Board

	<p>Can use restraint when necessary to gain control and protect from injury. It's not to put a kid in a position where they cannot communicate distress. Given that we do not have an SRO, if the police were here it would be a big deal. Crisis team is the administration and counseling staff. IF restraint happens it already had to be reported for SPED, but now it must happen for all students. It gets reported to administration, who reports it to MDE in the discipline report (annual). SPED has a special system for doing this.</p>	<p>approval</p>
<p>613</p>	<p>Updates graduation requirements; updates references.</p> <p>Change achievement and career to College and Civic Readiness (page 2, section V.A.).</p> <p>Section VI. B. You will notice that calculus is present because that is the standard that MSA holds itself to.</p>	<p>Recommend Board approval</p>
<p>620</p>	<p>Adds weighted grades provision; PSEO dates.</p> <p>we do not do weighted grades so this change doesn't impact us, if we did we'd have to offer the same amount of credit as PSEO place. Students have to inform us by October 30 or May 30 of their intention to enroll in PSEO.</p> <p>Institutions have to notify us if a student drops so that we can avoid issues with graduation.</p> <p>Members of the department would determine if the credit was acceptable. Typically the guidance counselor looks and makes a decision, we tend to err on the side of the student. Now it's the decision of the principal, and parents can appeal to the executive director (E.D.), and if they do not like the E.D's decision, they can appeal to the Board of Edu.</p>	<p>Recommend Board approval</p>

Regular Policy Review

December	206	March 20, 2023	<p><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS/COMPLAINTS ABOUT PERSONS AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS AND DATA PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>Data that the school collects is personal data, so we need to be careful about what is shared.</p>
December	208	February 27, 2023	<p><u>DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES</u></p> <p>How we adopt policies, we do 2 reads on a policy unless it's a legislative policy (IV. D). If we have an emergency read on a policy that is legal/currently law and it's in the best interest of students but isn't a policy, we can do 1 read, pass it, but then we have to revisit it within a year or it will expire.</p>
December	209	March 20, 2023	<p><u>CODE OF ETHICS</u></p>
January	201	February 27, 2023	<p><u>LEGAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD</u></p> <p>Board setup, code of ethics, etc. Board only has authority when in quorum (5 unrelated people: ideally and required to have 1 licensed teacher, 1 parents, 1 community member, but we can be looking for someone), references.</p> <p>E- remove chief financial officer as an ex-officio</p>
January	201.1	February 20, 2024	<p><u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION</u></p> <p>Purpose, general statement -MSBA, we wrote the procedures. Do we want to put it at the bottom of the page as a cross-reference to be consistent? Yes.</p>

August	101.1	February 27, 2023	<p><u>NAME OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT</u></p> <p>Name of the charter school.</p>
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Committee reviewed and recommends the above policies be approved.

November	404	June 2023	<p>Policy 404 Employment Background Checks</p> <p>Background checks: employees will still go through the full background check, however smaller events with volunteers (e.g. selling pizza) we don't need as exhaustive, but we'll use a more exhaustive one for the larger events (e.g. Eagle Bluff trip). Employee background checks are done by BCA.</p> <p>Page 3. E: vender or our choosing (please add: which meets statutory requirements).</p>	Committee recommends a first read for November, and second read for December.
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