

**New Milford Board of Education
Policy Sub-Committee Minutes
December 5, 2017
Lillis Administration Building, Room 2**

Present: Mr. J.T. Schemm, Chairperson
Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach
Mrs. Tammy McNerney
Mr. Bill Dahl, Alternate (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)

Also Present: Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent
Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent

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1.	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Policy Sub-Committee was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Mr. Schemm. Mr. Dahl was seated as an alternate when he arrived at 7:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
2.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was none. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
3.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Schemm said the agenda was a combination of follow up from the previous meeting and discussion of topics going forward that are suggested following collaboration with Mr. Smith. <p>A. Policy:</p> <p>1. 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students (Use of Students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Schemm said the policy was revised to reflect discussion at last month's meeting. • Mr. Smith said language had been added to provide the carve-out for principals to approve events within their own schools. • Mrs. McNerney said she liked the revision language and the addition of the designee. She asked what the terminology identifying "all sources of information contained in the publication" referred to. Mr. Smith said 	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Policy:</p> <p>1. 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students (Use of Students)</p>

sometimes flyers reference websites or provide links that give more information about the organization.

- Mrs. Faulenbach said she was not at the last Policy meeting but had reviewed the minutes, as well as the minutes from when this policy was last revised. She said her concern is that when the educational system is used to provide information, there is an obligation to make sure the policy is followed appropriately. She asked if legal had reviewed the use of a designee and the other policy changes. She asked about the number of requests received.
- Mr. Smith said legal had reviewed and is fine with the suggested revisions. He said in 2009-10 there were 24 flyers distributed to students and 6 posted. In 2010-11, there were 100 flyers distributed to students and 20 posted.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said the number of requests was one of the reasons for the last revision. She asked if designees would be trained to properly vet materials sent out.
- Mr. Schemm suggested a regulation could be added to flesh out requirements. He also suggested electronic distribution and use of social media could be addressed there.
- Mrs. Faulenbach asked how “non-school connected” organizations are defined. Mr. Schemm said the policy lists four groups: the public schools, parent teacher organizations, Town of New Milford or State of Connecticut. All others would by default be non-school connected.
- Mrs. Faulenbach said she thought the definition is important as groups request access to our students. She supports the revision as long as non-school connected requests continue to be reviewed by the Superintendent.

Mrs. McInerney moved to bring Policy 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students (Use of Students) to the full Board for first review.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach.

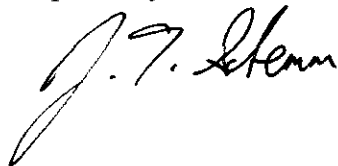
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed unanimously to bring Policy 1140 Distribution of Materials to and by Students (Use of Students) to the full Board for first review.

<p>4.</p> <p>A.</p> <p>B.</p>	<p>Items of Information</p> <p>Review of Policy Series 1000 – Community Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Schemm said he and Mr. Smith had discussed the benefit of reviewing policy series periodically so the Board could have discussion about how they are working and if there is any reset to be considered. Mr. Schemm said he is suggesting Series 1000 because of recent conversations about strategic planning and community involvement with the schools and the fact that the series had not been reviewed lately. He said he is looking for members’ guidance on how they would like to address the review. Do they want to go in sequence or flag by interest? • Mrs. Faulenbach said she thought this series was a good choice for review. She said she had a short list for the next agenda if the group wished to go that way. She asked if any are tied to legislation. • Mr. Smith said the current legislative process could have an impact on some policies and legal is reviewing for any mandated changes. While that review is taking place, conversation could continue on the general series. • Consensus was that the group would review the series before the next meeting in February and communicate with the Chair any policies they wish to discuss. • Mrs. Faulenbach suggested the review should include any policies that might be deleted. Over time, relevance sometimes changes or cross overs occur with other policies. • Mr. Dahl asked if all Board members would be offered an opportunity to provide input for policies to consider. Mr. Schemm said he would mention that in his report to the Board. <p>Possible Budget Drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Smith said policy impacts are hard to judge from new legislation. High school graduation requirements would now affect the incoming 	<p>Items of Information</p> <p>A. Review of Policy Series 1000 – Community Relations</p> <p>B. Possible Budget Drivers</p>
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	<p>freshman class of 2019-20. There is discussion around types of credits, exit exams, and mastery based learning for example. The expulsion legislation is still to be adopted with required hours dialed back, but guidelines still in flux. Schools can now hire a marital/family therapist, which could have an impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach asked about the timeframe. Mr. Smith said some details may appear in budget discussions, while other initiatives may evolve over the spring. The bilingual teacher may be included. TEAM support will need to be absorbed in some way. Some will have dollar impact; others may have program impact as resources and allocations are shifted. 	
5.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was none. 	Public Comment
6.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. seconded by Mrs. McInerney and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



J.T. Schemm, Chairperson
 Policy Sub-Committee