



MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the actions taken by the School Board and to provide a listing of the reports given. Anyone interested in viewing the full meeting, please visit the School Board website at <https://www.pps.net/domain/219>.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:03 pm at the call of Board Chair Kohnstamm. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos>

Attendance

Committee Members:

Director Moore
Director Brim-Edwards
Director Lowery

Staff and Other Attendees:

Liz Large – Contracted General Counsel
James Loveland – Senior Director, Student Support
Parker Myrus – District Student Council
Liane O'Banion – Program Manager, Title IX
Mila Rodriguez-Adair – Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) on Special Assignment
Mary Kane – Legal Counsel
Rachel Lent – Paralegal
Rosanne Powell – Senior Board Manager
Shanice Clarke – Director of Community Engagement, Strategic Partnerships
Dani Ledezma – Senior Advisor, Racial Equity and Social Justice
Tae Thomas – District Student Council

Pre-meeting

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 3:45pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

Suicide Prevention Policy

Director Moore introduced a new policy in response to Senate Bill 52. Amy Rouna provided an overview, detailing the scope of the problem both nationally and within the district, and how the new policy builds on existing practices with a focus on cultural responsiveness. Mila Rodriguez and Ms. Rouna discussed the need for enhanced screening processes, prevention curricula, and specific interventions for historically underserved students. They noted that while some training has been conducted for security and nutrition services, a district-wide training is still needed. Brenda Martinek shared that MTSS training includes mental health support, and Mila added that Bridge 13 offers free training for supporting LGBTQI+ students. The policy aims to integrate the RESJ lens into training and ensure all staff are trained to recognize risk factors and warning signs, knowing who to contact for a screening.

There was discussion on the development of a culturally responsive student-focused plan and the role of administrative directives and plans versus policy details. The policy aligns closely with state guidelines, leaving little room for changes. Engagement with students, staff, and community partners was recommended before finalizing the policy. It was noted that the statute requires the policy to be operative by July 1st and in place by the start of the 2020/21 school year. The policy's trauma-informed engagement was discussed, noting that a prevention screening process is currently in place.

Workplace Harassment and Search and Seizure

It was noted that no public comment has been received for Workplace Harassment Policy nor the Search and Seizure Policy.

Ms. Clarke requested that the Search and Seizure Policy be put on hold for further engagement. Chair Moore noted that the policy has gone through extensive engagement and that principals and students have been asked for the policy to be put in place for the coming school year so that there is clarity regarding expectations. Ms. Kane shared that the current policy does not afford students the same protection. Ms. Ledezma shared that it's important to balance the need to complete the policy and to take our time to do it right. Mary and Liz will work with Shanice to make sure that all partners are engaged by July 13th and if there is any substantive feedback the committee will look at it again.

OSBA and Title 9

There was no discussion on the OSBA and Title IX topics due to time. They will be brought back to the next meeting.

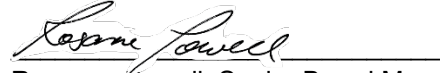
Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Director Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm.

Submitted by:



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