

# Robbinsville Board of Education

## Education & Policy Committee Meeting Agenda

August 11, 2020 6 pm | Robbinsville High School | RHS Media Center

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### Committee Members

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Lisa Temple, Chair | Chris Emigholz (not present) | Sharon DeVito | Vito Galluccio |

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### Additional Attendees

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Brian Betze, Superintendent | Kimberly Tew, Assistant Superintendent

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### First Reading Policies Reviewed:

1. P1468.02 Remote Learning Options for Families: new policy required as part of the reopening plans. Robbinsville will be allowing flexibility to switch between hybrid and full remote but will require 3 business days for the change to be effective after the request is approved. No changes recommended.
2. P2270 Religion in the Schools: Updated with changes from the USDOE. Currently following up with legal to ensure recommended changes from Strauss Esmay adequately ensures religious freedom rights of all students. Will move to first reading once legal opinion is received and reviewed by the committee.
3. P2622 Student Assessment: Code updates. No changes recommended.
4. P&R 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote: Code updates. Current policy only requires a person who is able to administer naran while school property. The concern was raised specifically for the prom but later confirmed that two police officers are present at this event (police officers are able to administer naran). Also discussed if more designees, which would be on a volunteer basis, could be trained in administering naran.
5. P&R 5320 Immunization: Discussed impact of potential COVID vaccine. Guidance from state officials will be provided when the time comes. No changes recommended.

### Second Reading Policies: No changes recommended to any of the below.

1. P&R 5536 Random Student Drug Testing
  2. P1648 Restart and Recovery Plan (NEW)
  3. P1649 Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (NEW)
  4. P2431.3 Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety
  5. P&R 5610 Suspension
  6. P5620 Expulsion
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7. P&R 8320 Personnel Records: confirmed there was no comment from REA on these changes

### **New Business**

1. Kindergarten Tuition: Given space availability in Kindergarten only, discussed the ability to allow employees to send Kindergarten students to SES. This would be tuition based.
2. GT at SES and PRMS: Self selection will be available at PRMS with details for parents being sent home once school starts. This will be virtual in the afternoon which allows both remote & hybrid students to participate. SES will be collapsing the current program and small instruction will be built to either accelerate or remediate learning in ELA & Math.
3. Curriculum for Approval: The below curriculum was reviewed for approval. Discussed the importance of ensuring key parts of the standards were being hit upon in the upcoming year.
  - a. Journalism
  - b. Chinese I
  - c. Spanish III
  - d. English Lab I
  - e. 6th grade Math
  - f. 6th grade Science
  - g. 7th grade Science
  - h. SOAR Health
  - i. Pre-Calculus and Pre-Calculus Honors
  - j. K-4 Library/Media
  - k. K-2 Music
  - l. AP Language and Composition
  - m. French II and III
  - n. Engineering Design and Fabrication
  - o. Engineering Graphics and Design

### **Old Business**

1. The committee revisited the topic of ensuring racial biases & inclusivity were appropriately addressed in the curriculum. Classroom and school libraries have been reviewed to ensure a wide range of ethnicities and races were represented. Social studies curriculum, in particular, has made a conscious effort to be more globally focused. A full curriculum audit is planned for the fall.
2. The committee discussed if a policy that protects board members from bullying is permissible. As BOE members are public figures, they are subject to criticism from the public. Furthermore, we are unable to stop a community member from making a public comment during the public comment portion of the meeting.

### **Announcements**

### **Adjournment**

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 6pm**