

NEW LONDON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Kinsall (Chair), Ms. Connolly and Mr. Catala

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.

Jennings School Conference Room

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kinsall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Dr. Carver – Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Connolly – Board Member
Mr. Catala – Board Member
Mr. Elliott – Nathan Hale School
Dr. Fischer – Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kinsall – Committee Chair
Dr. McWilliams – Dean of Students, BDJMS
Mrs. Qadir – Jennings School
Mrs. Ryan – Interim Principal, BDJMS
Ms. Stambler – Principal, Harbor School
Ms. Stuller – Board Member (Non-voting)
Mr. Svencer – Assistant Principal, NLHS
Mrs. Tritch – Parent, BDJMS
Ms. Wilson – Principal, Winthrop School

2. COMMENTS FROM PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

Bettina Tritch, Alger Place, New London, the parent of a BDJMS student, addressed the Policy Committee on the Dress Code and Uniform Policy. Ms. Tritch shared the following concerns:

- White shirts are problematic. She suggested that navy blue shirts be added to the uniform at the elementary level
- Low income families have difficulty purchasing uniforms
- There is a good deal of inconsistency with the way teachers impose disciplinary measures when students violate the uniform policy
- Students in grades K-3 should not be punished by keeping them in from recess when they violate the uniform policy as it is their parents fault when that they are not in uniform
- The BDJMS uniform closet is sorely in need of replenishing

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Kinsall, seconded by Ms. Connolly,
that the following items, as set forth on the Consent Agenda for the Policy Committee meeting of February 3, 2010, be approved, or received for the record, unless removed by a Policy Committee member or the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion carried, 3 - 0

4.a. Minutes

The Policy Committee approved the minutes of the January 6, 2010, meeting, as submitted in Exhibit 4.a.

End of Consent Agenda

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.a. Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion by Mr. Kinsall, seconded by Ms. Connolly,
that the Policy Committee receive the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the 2009-2010 academic year, as submitted in Exhibit 5.a.

Motion carried, 3 - 0

5.b. Dress Code and Uniform Policy: 5132.1

Motion by Mr. Kinsall, seconded by Ms. Connolly,
that the Policy Committee review the Dress Code and Uniform Policy, as submitted in Exhibit 5.b.

Motion carried, 3 - 0

Motion by Mr. Kinsall, seconded by Ms. Connolly,
that the Policy Committee approve the Dress Code and Uniform Policy, as amended.

Motion carried, 3 - 0

5.c. Fundraising, Advertising and Promotions – 1111.2

Motion by Mr. Kinsall, seconded by Ms. Connolly,
that the Policy Committee table this item and direct the administration to present their recommendations for proposed changes to the Fundraising, Advertising and Promotions policy at the March 3rd Policy Committee meeting.

Motion carried, 3 - 0

6. FUTURE BUSINESS

- The next meeting will be on March 3, 2010/

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Kinsall,
that the Policy Committee adjourn its meeting.

Motion carried, 3 - 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie A. Tamano
Administrative Aide