

Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2025
Virtual (ZOOM)

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Attendees:

Present: Erik Andersen (Member) Stephanie Pickup (Member)

Absent: Brian Monroe (Vice Chair)

Minutes:

Mrs. Pickup called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Roll call for attendance was taken, Mr. Andersen (present), Mr. Monroe (absent), Mrs. Pickup (present).

Mr. Balestracci began the meeting with reporting on the FPS updated Wellness Policy (Policy ADF). Mr. Balestracci explained that this new policy was created by the FPS Wellness Committee which consisted of staff from throughout the district as well as students. He further explained that adopting this new policy will bring FPS into all compliance with Massachusetts General Law as well as federal, state, and local nutrition guidelines.

Mrs. Pickup suggested that the resources sites referenced in the plan be revised to have "live links" so that families could access them more easily. Mr. Balestracci confirmed that this could be done. Mr. Balestracci informed Mrs. Pickup that a motion and vote was needed to present this new Wellness Policy (ADF) to a first read at the March 12, 2025 School Committee meeting.

Mrs. Pickup made the motion, seconded by Mr. Andersen. Vote was unanimous to approve bringing the updated Wellness Policy (Policy ADF) to the entire committee for a first read.

Mr. Balestracci then provided an update to Policy ECF: Free and Reduced Price Food Services. He recommended adopting the MASC policy ECF: Universal Free School Meals. Mr. Balestracci explained that the current FPS policy is moot as it has been replaced by the Massachusetts General Law providing universal free school meals.

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Mr. Andersen made a motion to approve bringing the new policy ECF: Universal Free School Meals to the School Committee for first a read. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Balestracci also provided an update on Policy EFC-R: FPS Meal Charge Regulation. Mr. Balestracci recommended adopting the MASC policy EFD: School Nutrition Program Charge Policy. He stated that many actions outlined in the current regulation are no longer applicable.

Mr. Andersen recommended that a link to "My School Bucks" accounts should be added to the policy. Mr. Balestracci responded that this could be done. Mrs. Pickup made a motion to move the policy forward to the School Committee for a first read, Mr. Andersen seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Pickup made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 PM, Mr. Andersen seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn at 2:24 PM.

Meeting ended at 2:24 PM.

Mark Balestracci
Assistant Superintendent

Approved - March 12, 2025