

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
James Leo McGuinness Administration Building
100 Bennett Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Policy Sub-Committee Meeting
December 12, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Starbard, Chair
Mr. Gallo
Mr. Ford

Observing: Ms. Capano
Ms. Carrasco

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Rowe, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Mr. Starbard presided.

Item 1: Discipline Code – (Tabled 11-14-13)

Discussion continued from the November 14, 2013 meeting regarding the use of technology devices during the school day. Mr. Starbard noted that he had spoken with the principals of Classical and LVTI who voiced support for a pilot program which would allow use of technology devices during lunch.

Mr. Gallo congratulated the administration for updating the proposed Discipline Code. Mr. Gallo agreed with Mr. Starbard and supported passing the updated Discipline Code with two amendments:

- (1) Clarification of language to ban non-educational electronic devices only;
- (2) Avoid punishments for use of electronic devices (i.e. check the time, etc.)

Mr. Gallo made a motion to accept the Discipline Code as presented with the following amendment:

“Use of non-educational electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones is prohibited during school hours. Violation of this policy will result in immediate confiscation of the item and parental notification, as well as possible detention upon first violation of the school year or possible detention or suspension for further violations. If these items are brought to school, they must remain out of sight and off during school hours. Personnel staff are not responsible for lost or stolen property.” And, recommend to the full Committee.

Seconded.

Discussion ensued. The Superintendent suggested the changes regarding cell phone use and dress code changes i.e. length of shirts could be implemented immediately and the other significant changes to be effective September, 2014. Copies of the minor changes will be provided to the students.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: January 16, 2014