

GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, March 23, 2009
Calvin Leete Elementary School

Board members present: Bill Bloss, Linda Sanacora, Barbara Dudley, Mary Beeman
Administrator present: Anne Keene

Barbara Dudley called the subcommittee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

5005 – Bullying Behavior in the Schools – The policy was amended to reflect P.A. 08-160, to add “annually inform parents of their right to report”, and “request” rather than “invite” parents/guardians of targeted students and parents/guardians of student perpetrators attend at least one meeting. Also, the definition of bullying was changed to overt acts by a student or group of students directed against another student or “students”. The regulation was adjusted to coincide with the policy revisions. Mr. Bloss suggested that the board schedule a future workshop on bullying, including cyber-bullying. Dr. Keene will investigate the process used in individual buildings to disseminate information to staff; she will also check with the State Department regarding the requirement for adults to report “in writing.” The committee agreed to receive the policy and regulation for possible action at the April BOE meeting.

1142 – Student Community Participation – The subcommittee discussed this policy at length and determined that no change was needed to the existing policy regarding distribution of material by students. In order to provide more information to parents regarding community events that involve school children, the Guilford Public Schools website will be updated with links to local organizations. A future Alert Now message will notify parents of the Community Resources section of the website, and invite organizations to submit their links as appropriate.

6410 – Special Education – Since the Board has no discretion to vary from US Department of Education and Connecticut State Department of Education requirements on Special Education, the subcommittee recommended deleting the first sentence and items 1-5 of this policy and substitute, “The Superintendent shall follow all applicable state and federal regulations of special education services.” The revisions will be received at the April Board of Education meeting.

6411 – Planning and Placement Team (PPT) Procedures – no change required.

1354 – Access to School Procedures and Materials – This policy was reviewed and deemed acceptable with updates to legal references. No BOE action needed.

1346 – Use of School Facilities – The policy was reviewed and the committee added that school organizations would complete a Building Use Form and submit it to the principal for approval. The regulation was adjusted to suggest a 28-day advance application on the Building Use Permit used for community requests and updates to the Group Registration Form. The policy and regulation will be received at the April BOE meeting.

The subcommittee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

E. Anne Keene, Assistant Superintendent