

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, January 26, 2008
Adams Middle 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.

1314 – Political Activities of School Employees – This policy was reviewed and compared with sample policies from the Connecticut Association of Board of Education (CABE). The subcommittee recommended the wording in CABE policy 1311.1 with the addition of a paragraph granting leaves of absence for political activities in accordance with collective bargaining agreements. The revised policy will be received at the February BOE.

1348 – Naming Facilities – This policy was adopted by the BOE in January 1998; however, due to timing, the policy was not published in the original policy manual. The subcommittee reviewed the existing policy and recommended changing the general makeup of the appointed committee to include “representation from the community and the school.” The revised policy will be received at the February BOE meeting.

5005 – Bullying – The policy and regulation were reviewed. Dr. Keene also distributed a copy of Preventing Bullying in Our Schools: Employee and Volunteer Handbook, a copy of the CABE policy, and a summary of major activities in each school. There was discussion about how to measure the effectiveness of the policy and the need for additional parent communication regarding the policy. The subcommittee agreed to continue the review of this policy at its next meeting.

1142 – Student Community Participation – The subcommittee reviewed the policy and guidelines for distribution of print materials to students. There was general consensus that students should not be couriers; however, the committee agreed to look into alternative electronic forms of communicating local events. Dr. Keene will get input from the superintendent and the communications assistant. The subcommittee will discuss the ramifications and options at the next meeting.

5126 – Suspension and Expulsion -- The subcommittee will continue the review of this policy at its next meeting. The district leadership team has developed a working committee to draft guidelines for in-school suspension, which the subcommittee would like to consider in the policy.

The subcommittee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Anne Keene
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