

**GUILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, September 27, 2010
Adams Middle School**

Subcommittee members present: Bill Bloss, Sue Renner, Barbara Dudley, Mary Beeman
Administrator present: Anne Keene
Others: Chip Dorwin, Paul Schmidt

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

#1342 – Advertising and Promotion – The subcommittee discussed the policy regarding the use of advertising on school grounds. Paul Schmidt, Chair of the Standing Fields Committee, and Chip Dorwin, Athletic Director, expressed the need for expanding the fund for future turf replacement by advertising on fields. Currently, the standing fields committee has a small fund for this purpose, though it would likely not be enough to replace the turf in the future. The current policy states, “No advertising material may be posted or distributed to students which would contribute to the personal gain of an individual, business, or company” with the exception of educational supply companies. No changes were made to the existing policy; however, the policy subcommittee will continue this discussion once more information is available. Mr. Schmidt will check with Parks and Recreation and the town ordinance on the feasibility of signage surrounding the turf field.

#4112/#4212 Nondiscrimination (Personnel) – The subcommittee tabled this item until the November meeting.

#5128 Student Use of beepers/cellular telephones – The subcommittee discussed the language in this policy and its appropriateness since technology has evolved considerably since the last review. Some cell phones are currently used as organizers by students; however, other students have been disciplined for inappropriate use. The current policy states that cell phones must be deactivated and their use is prohibited during the school day; principals may permit exceptions. Dr. Keene will discuss the policy with the District Leadership Team and research Connecticut General Statute 10-233j. Mr. Bloss distributed an article “Crafting a Workable Cell Phone Policy.” Discussion will be continued at the November meeting.

#3222 – Gifts, Grants, and Bequests – A draft of recommendations was presented to the policy subcommittee. After review of the existing policy, the subcommittee agreed that the board can be informed of gifts up to \$1,000 in the board packet instead of on the agenda. All gifts of more than \$1,000 still need board approval. No changes were made to the existing policy. The subcommittee agreed that the Board would try a different practice to receive information on gifts less than \$1,000.

Cyberbullying – The subcommittee reviewed the cyberbullying policy draft based on the CAFE sample and in alignment with E-rate specifications. The subcommittee also reviewed a draft from Project Blueprint schools. Dr. Keene will also review all drafts with District Leadership and make appropriate cross-references. The draft policy will be received at the October Board of Education meeting.

By-law – Board of Education Evaluation – A draft of a new bylaw on Monitoring Products and Processes will be received at the October meeting. The bylaw will include categories for Board of Education self-evaluations.

The next policy subcommittee meeting will be Monday, November 22, 2010, at A. W. Cox Elementary School

E. Anne Keene, Assistant Superintendent