

Orange East Supervisory Union
Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
OESU Central Office, Bradford, VT

Attendees:

OESU Board: Kathy Damon, Emmy Hausman, Judy Murray, Emily Shipman, Julie Acker

OESU Administration: Bruce Williams, Sherry Hoyt

VSBA: Sue Ceglowski

Shipman filled in for Clerk.

Acker called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

Hausman moved to approve minutes from 12/11/18 with suggested changes via email from Shipman. Damon seconded. Motion passed.

Hausman moved to approve minutes from 1/22/19 with suggested changes. Damon seconded. Motion passed.

- D1- Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements
 - In the second paragraph, Knisley recommendation is to use the language, “The [insert school] District **will** use credits for the purpose of demonstrating that a student has met graduation requirements.” And, “Students in the [insert school] district **will** receive credit for learning...”
 - Knisley and Williams would welcome opportunity to discuss this policy with high schools and hear where they are in terms of implementation. Useful conversation.
 - Acker is concerned we’d implement policy without a procedure behind it. Would like to wait on adopting this policy. All schools in beginning stages of determining how to demonstrate and document proficiencies. Need input from faculty as to how much framework/guidance they need at this point.
 - We will wait on this policy. For Knisley & Williams to do:
 - Having a policy would be helpful to drive the necessary change, however, one conversation prior to setting this would allow us to draft a more appropriate/helpful policy. Getting on staff meeting agendas.
 - Example to look at: Mill River District doing grades on one side of report card and proficiencies on the other side.

- C5- Firearms
 - We want to add the following to the model policy. Williams will run this by OESU lawyer:
 - “Aiding Other Students” from the Thetford Elementary School Policy
 - Exception under “Policy Implementation” for Hunter Safety from the Thetford Elementary School Policy
 - Additional language to “Sanctions” in Firearms that would allow the principal some discretion on the exception bullets prior to sending the case to the Board.

- Recommended Policy: Student Conduct and Discipline
 - Add language to “Definitions: 1) Weapon” definition to clearly state that any case pertaining to a firearm should be addressed with the Firearm Policy, not the Student Conduct and Discipline” policy.

- Next Meeting Agenda:
 - March 14th at 4:30PM
 - Report back from attorneys on policy questions above
 - Finalize these policies

- Acker moved to adjourn. Murray seconded. Motion passed.