



**Southern Lehigh School District**  
**Board of School Directors**  
**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April 3, 2024 @ 2:00p.m.**  
**Southern Lehigh Administration Building**  
**5775 Main Street | Center Valley, PA 18034**

**1. OPENING**

a. Roll Call/ Recording of Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Emily Gehman, Committee Chair at 2:00p.m. *Present:* Emily Gehman, Candi Kruse, Timothy Kearney (*Committee Members*); Michael Mahon, Karen Trinkle, Ethan Ake-Little (*Administrators*); Melissa Torba, Steven Crossken, Jennifer Kiprislis (*Community Members*)

b. Approval of Minutes (February 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

The Committee approved meeting minutes for the February 2024 Policy Committee Meeting and March 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

**2. OVERVIEW OF PROCESS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION** (*Brief Presentation*)

The presentation by Dr. Ethan Ake-Little recapitulated the logistics of the policy review process including (a) administrative review leading to a first draft and (b) the Policy Committee's approach to policy review. Additionally, the Administration provided solicitor feedback in relation to Policy 122 ("non-instructional time", "off-campus student discipline") and Policy 123 ("Varisty v. Club Sport", "equity and access in athletic programs").

**3. SECOND DRAFT POLICIES FOR REVIEW** (*Discussion*)

a. Policy 122: Extracurricular Activities (*Last Updated: DEC 2015, First Reading: MAR 2024*)

The Committee discussed the issue of "off-campus student discipline" with a focus on delineating between in-school and out-of-school consequences. Due to time constraints, the Committee opted to defer the "non-instructional time" issue for future discussion.

b. Policy 123: Interscholastic Athletics (*CONSOLIDATED; Policy 123, Last Updated: NOV 2015; Policy 123.2, Last Updated: JAN 2012; First Reading: MAR 2024*)

The Committee extensively discussed the issues of "varisty v. club sport" and "equity and access in athletic programming" with a focus on concerns emanating from a *de facto* dual tiered athletics program. Community members in attendance shared their concerns and suggestions about funding and recognizing various athletic programs.

c. Policy 123.1: Concussion Management (*Last Updated: JAN 2012, First Reading: MAR 2024*)

d. Policy 123.2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest (New Policy, *First Reading: MAR 2024*)

e. Policy 123.4: Hazing (*Last Updated: JUL 2016, First Reading: MAR 2024*)

For these three (3) policies, the Committee had no new language concerns and has recommend them for First Reading before the full Board of School Directors alongside parent Policy 123, once approved by the Committee.

**4. FIRST DRAFT POLICIES FOR REVIEW** (*Discussion*)

a. Policy 123.3: District-Sponsored Activity, Varsity Sports Program, or Club Sport Operations (*Last Updated: APR 2014*)

The Committee discussed the inclusion of language concerning transportation, funding, facilities usage, parent's groups, and student requirements from Policy 123.3 into the proposed consolidation of parent Policy 123.



- b. Policy 105: Curriculum (*Last Updated: MAY 2023*)
- c. Policy 106: Guides for Planned Instruction (*Last Updated: MAY 2023*)
- d. Policy 107: Adoption of Planned Instruction (*Last Updated: MAY 2023*)  
Policy 108: Adoption of Textbooks (*Last Updated: MAY 2023*)

The Committee discussed these four (4) policies collectively since they focused on teaching and learning resources. Moreover, the Committee endorsed minor changes to language and recommend them for First Reading before the full Board of School Directors at their April 22, 2024 (Action) Meeting.

- e. Policy 105.1: Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/ Guardians and Students (*Last Updated: MAY 2023*)
- f. Policy 105.2: Exemption from Instruction (*Last Updated: MAY 2023*)

The Committee discussed these policies jointly since they focused on parental and student rights in relation to teaching and learning. Moreover, the Committee requested solicitor insight regarding certain aspects of these rights in advance of a second draft review.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT