

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24th, 2019

Present: William Thompson, Elizabeth Sokoloff, Greg Bartlett, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Jim Grant, Joy Prescott. Absent: Tyler Patterson, Student Liaison, Maddie Wayne, Student Liaison.

Mr. Bartlett reported out on the minutes of our March 27th meeting. Invited guest, B.H.S. Librarian, Daurene Jerome reviewed the proposal on library procedures and processes to recoup lost and damaged library books K to 12. Board members asked many questions about the library operations at the various grade levels and procedures that may restrict the borrowing of library books by students who have not returned books or damaged books. Board members offered several suggestions to the librarians about ways to categorize the types of books and range they may cost to replace in order to better inform parents and students. They encouraged the librarians to continue to refine their procedures and reduce the administrative responsibilities that they currently shoulder by requesting that school administrators assume some of the procedural duties. Ms. Jerome emphasized that no longer are high school students not allowed in the library during study halls if a book is not returned. The group reviewed the State statute on the liability for injury to books or appliances.

The members requested that Mr. Bartlett find out if a citizen had made a donation toward assisting students or families who owed library book fees. I found out from Business Manager Kelly Wentworth that indeed a community member donated \$500 to the Lost Library Book Fund that anyone in the community can donate money to if they want. The committee requested that Mr. Bartlett check with Maine School Management Association as to whether or not there are any "replacement materials" policies. Charlotte Bates responded to my inquiry and basically referred again to the State Statute we have previously discussed as a remedy. A request was made to have Mr. Bartlett contact an attorney to find out if it is required or advisable to have notice on our school busses of both audio and video monitoring. Attorney Peter Femly advised that it is definitely advisable to have notice in order to protect against any claim of invasion or expectation of privacy by any student or parents on the busses. Mr. Bartlett reported out that Scott Smith, the Facilities Director saw no need to adjust or change any facility policies at this time. Michelle Caron, the Director of Transportation submitted some minor changes to the FILE: EEAEC Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles policy which the group reviewed and made changes to it. Mr. Bartlett handed out a new policy just out from M.S.M.A. entitled FILE: IMB Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive ISSUES.