

Policy Committee
600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111
November 5, 2020
11:00 AM -12:30 PM
Minutes

Attended: Naomi Goldberg, Inez Canada, Dawn Clark, James Carnazza, Sarah Wiles, Olympia Stroud, and Bill Noone. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Recommendation related to college readiness

Attendees reviewed the documents that have been gathered, created, and revised thus far in preparation for putting together a recommended curriculum. After discussing the few minor revisions that had been made to the documents since the last meeting, attendees reviewed the first draft of the introduction memorandum. Inez offered her edits on the draft and the group agreed to them as well as agreed to include resources that offer tips to students learning in the virtual environment. Inez forwarded this information to the group.

It was agreed going forward that this collection of materials would be referred to as the “College Readiness Packet.” There was discussion about to whom the memorandum introducing the packet would be addressed. Suggestions included Toni Wolf, Kate Biebel, Joan Phillips, Jessica Cimini, and Vivian Pham. Naomi will confirm.

The packet will be introduced at the December quarterly SRC meeting with the intent of getting SRC approval to present the final product to MRC.

Fair Hearing Decisions

The committee briefly discussed that consistent with its role, the SRC should be receiving fair hearing decisions as well as assisting MRC in finding qualified hearing officers. Naomi relayed that this issue has been raised with MRC and that there is some concern about how to share decisions without compromising confidentiality. The Policy Committee committed to working on this issue going forward. Naomi agreed to check in with colleagues at SRCs in other states to learn about how they receive decisions and report back to the committee.

Procurement

The committee will resume its work on the procurement recommendation. Jessica Cimini and Jennifer O’Callaghan have been invited to the December meeting. If they are able to attend, the committee will request a basic overview of the procurement process to be better equipped to plan next steps on tackling this recommendation.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee will be Thursday, December 3rd.

