

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – June 2, 2015 –5:00 p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members:	Judson L. Pierce-Chair
	Jennifer Susse
	Kirsi Alison Ampe
School Committee Member:	William Hayner
Administration:	Kathleen Bodie, Superintendent
Public:	Lenin Ramasamy Ramachandran

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. A motion to approve the Draft minutes from the April 14, 2015 Policies and Procedures meeting was made by Dr. Alison-Ampe, seconded by Mr. Pierce. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Mr. Ramachandran spoke during public participation about the school admissions policy, specifically the cut off of 8/31 for those entering Kindergarten and those entering first grade. Dr. Bodie spoke in favor of our current policy noting that the content in school is more rigorous than ever before and that this year there were several retentions all with late August birthdays. Mr. Ramachandran suggested using a test to see if the child was appropriate for school even if born after the cut-off date. Dr. Alison-Ampe stated that it is not just on academics but also social, physical, emotional and that it would take complex testing that the school district may not have the resources to conduct. It was noted that we should review what other districts are doing on this topic before suggesting any changes for Arlington.

Mr. Hayner brought forward the subject of CBI and creating a new timeline based on what the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee worked on. The subcommittee agreed to make this one of their priorities for the upcoming 2015-2016 cycle.

The subcommittee discussed what it will prioritize for this next SC cycle.

- Bringing in line CBI with our new evaluation timeline
- Safe walk to school
- E-cigarettes
- Tackle the remainder of the list of suggested revisions by our counsel

- School Councils File BDFA
- School Admission Age Eligibility, look at EDCO and TM12 districts

Mr. Pierce will send out a Doodle to schedule the next meeting. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Susse, seconded by Mr. Pierce, passed unanimously at 6:05pm.