

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Immediately Following Education Committee Meeting
Administration Office
Board Room

Committee Members				Remaining Meeting Dates
X	Gale Husack - Chairperson	X	Eric Hill	Monday, February 6, 2023
X	Michelle Heckman - Co-Chairperson	X	Gene Marks	Monday, March 6, 2023
X	Chad Christman	X	Scott Pyne	Monday, April 3, 2023
X	Matthew Link	X	James Schnyderite	Monday, May 1, 2023
X	Tania Stoker	X	Michael Strohl	Monday, June 5, 2023
X	Todd Breiner	X	John Rushefski	Monday, August 7, 2023
X	Michele Dotta		Jennifer Butz	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
X	David Hauser	X	Tim Weaver	Monday, October 2, 2023
		X	Nichole Fink	Monday, November 6, 2023

Also in attendance: Donna Kulp, Sherri Molitoris, James Schnyderite, Todd Briener, Scott Pyne, Mathias Green, Chad Christman, Nichole Fink Steven Hass, Angela Williams, Alice Wanamaker, Jessica Haldeman, Joshua Haldeman, Lauren Gaur, Natalie Snyder, Terry Snyder, Steven Walters, Joe Papay, Mary Roberts, Katia Bender, David Papay, Eric King, Norm Handwork.

AGENDA

POLICY

- **Policy 011 - [Principles for Governance and Leadership](#)**
 - PSBA's Principles for Governance and Leadership are periodically reviewed by a task force that includes school directors and Superintendents from school districts in the Commonwealth, to ensure the language is reflective of current needs and practices. Principles were recently updated and reapproved by PSBA's Governing Board on October 30, 2022. They are incorporated into this policy.
 - Policy 011 is a recommended policy.
 - Board members present support the policy moving to the monthly board meeting for first reading.

- **Policy 718.1 - [Therapy Dogs/Therapy Animals in Schools](#)**
 - PSBA does not have a Therapy Dog or Therapy Animals policy to date but was able to share three examples with us from districts who have adopted ones. We used these as a guide in drafting ours.
 - In addition to those policies, we have expanded ours to include therapy animals, beyond just dogs, and also included staff as participants.
 - Policy 718.1 is a new, optional policy that we initiated to have guidelines for therapy animal programs at Northern Lehigh.
 - Board members present support the policy moving to the monthly board meeting for first reading.

- **Policy 808 - [Food Service](#)**
 - Act 55 of 2022 made additional revisions to section 1337 of the School Code. Those have been incorporated into this policy.
 - School entities who operate nonprofit school food programs are now **required** to offer assistance to parents/guardians with applying for free/reduced-price school meal benefits. This language was included in Policy 808 previously with a "may" statement--that language has now been revised to a "shall" statement.
 - Language was also added to the School Code and the policy guide to clarify that neither a student **nor school staff** may be required to discard a school food program meal after it was served to the student, even if the student is unable to pay for the meal or has a negative school meal account balance.
 - USDA waivers allowing schools to serve free meals to all students during the pandemic emergency have ended. Many schools are exploring eligibility for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the national school food programs, which provides free school lunches and breakfasts to all students enrolled in the school. NLSLSD has applied and been approved for CEP for the next four years (22-23, 23-24, 24-25, 25-26). Language has been added to Policy 808 for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and an administrative regulation (AR) will be posted along with this policy to indicate the years in which we have been approved and can participate.
 - Policy 808 is required for auditing purposes for school entities who participate in school food programs
 - Board members present support the policy moving to the monthly board meeting for first reading.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023