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Policies and Procedures Minutes 11/27/2012

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – November 27, 2012 –5:00 p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Judson L. Pierce-Chair

Jeffrey Thielman(arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

Cindy Starks

Superintendent: Dr. Kathleen Bodie(arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

Administration: Rob Spiegel, Human Resources, Lucille Nicholson, Head Nurse, Cindy Bouvier,
Health/Wellness Chair, Denise Boucher, Health/Wellness

The Subcommittee discussed the revised wellness/nutrition policy. Ms. Bouvier noted that many of the changes are required by the new state guidelines. Ms. Boucher added that meal food is better for students than a la carte/snack items. The subcommittee agreed that broad based goals should be placed right up top at the beginning of the policy.

Regarding physical education and recess Ms. Starks suggested to add something saying that teachers are encouraged not to take away recess as a form of punishment. Ms. Starks suggested that food sold for fundraising purposes that can be taken home directly should be permitted. The subcommittee agreed that bake sales for election days should continue. Regarding healthy classroom parties and school celebrations it was noted that food tied to content and curriculum with principal approval should be allowed. Ms. Bouvier suggested to add a new paragraph on Food Services. Regarding Measurement and Evaluation it was suggested that a report to the School Committee on the activities and financial status of the School Food Service be presented by the first meeting in September for the previous academic year.

The Wellness Committee will meet again on December 10, 2012 to review the Subcommittee's work and give feedback.

The subcommittee will meet again on December 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. with the plan to recommend a policy to the School Committee for first read on December 20th. Mr. Thielman moved to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Seconded by Mr. Pierce. Voted 3-0.