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Policies and Procedures Minutes 06/14/2010

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – June 14, 2010 – 5:25p.m.

APPROVED Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Judson L. Pierce-Chair

Cindy Starks

Leba Heigham

Professional Staff: Abbi Holt, Rachel Friedman, Cindy Bouvier, Superintendent Dr. Bodie, Assistant Superintendent Wallis Raemer

Motion to adopt minutes of 5/3 and 5/25 passed 3-0

There was a discussion concerning gender expression policy. We will consult with the MA transgender political coalition, League of Women Voters, and will review what other communities have done. Ms. Heigham suggested that we will try and get some recommended language from the state or MASC. Ms. Starks opined that we should consult with our legal to find out if “transphobic” includes every sexual identity component which could come up.

Ms. Heigham pointed out that whatever we put in place it must be clear that whatever someone is identifying as , for example that when he or she walks into the bathroom stall, everyone is protected.

The Superintendent commented that this is something we want input from all administrators on.

Ms. Holt informed the subcommittee that she will email us the proposed policy revisions and information.

The Subcommittee will seek to put this on the agenda for one of our future meetings after all the above listed information is gathered.

The Policies and Procedures subcommittee decided what it will undertake to review for the 2010-2011 year. Sections J(Mr. Pierce), K(Ms. Starks) and L (Ms. Heigham). The Subcommittee will report revision recommendations by August 31, 2010.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Pierce – Yes; Ms. Heigham – Yes; Ms. Starks - Yes