

**Mansfield School Committee Meeting  
Policy Subcommittee  
Minutes for Thursday, November 3, 2016  
Assistant Superintendent's Office**

A meeting of the Mansfield School Committee Policy Subcommittee was opened and called to order at 4 p.m.

**Members Present**

Lynn Cavicchi  
Linda Fernando

Others present: Teresa Murphy

Absent: Zeff Gianetti (attending MASC/MASS conference)

**Discussion**

1. Wellness Policy & Plan - The group reviewed the most recent changes to federal regulations regarding nutrition standards and wellness policies in schools, which went into effect July 1, 2016; by July 1, 2017, all local educational agencies must comply with these new requirements. The federal changes include requirements around wellness committee membership, wellness coordinator/leadership, communication with parents and the community, specific components of the wellness policy (nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, nutrition guidelines and standards, food/beverage marketing and advertising, public communication, and policy evaluation).

The group discussed the need to evaluate the district's existing Wellness policy and plan, in order to identify areas the district already is addressing and areas in which the district needs to improve. Lynn Cavicchi suggested the administration consider using a free online Wellness policy assessment tool from the University of Connecticut Rudd Center for Food Policy. Teresa Murphy will work with the district's new nurse leader, Christine Dooling, to implement this review process.

Linda Fernando gave an overview of the work done by the district's Health and Wellness Advisory Council (HWAC) over the past year. The consensus of the subcommittee was to try to meet again to discuss possible changes to the Wellness policy and plan prior to the November HWAC meeting, if possible. This meeting date will be determined once Christine Dooling has completed the policy evaluation.

2. Update on Prioritized List of Policies – Tabled due to Zeff Gianetti's absence.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Cavicchi  
Vice Chair  
School Committee