

ICHABOD CRANE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.
High School Distance Learning Room

Present: Elaine Berlin, John Chandler, Anne Schaefer, Suzanne Guntlow, Mindy Potts, Jerry Callahan, Jennifer Ose-MacDonald

The following policies from the last meeting were discussed and/or further revised:

- **1530 SMOKING, VAPING, INGESTION AND OTHER TOBACCO OR CANNABIS USE ON SCHOOL PREMISES**
 - This policy was further revised to add vaping to the title and body of the policy.
- **4000 STUDENT LEARNING STANDARDS AND INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES**
 - This policy was pulled back from the last meeting after we discussed reviewing policies that may be redundant of existing laws. While this policy may include standards that are standard, committee members discussed keeping this policy as it clearly lays out the standards for students and parents who may not be familiar with New York Code, Rules and Regulation that sets out these standards.
- **5460 CHILD ABUSE, MALTREATMENT OR NEGLECT IN A DOMESTIC SETTING**
 - This policy was further revised to state that the presence of a staff member trusted by the student during a CPS interview is appropriate.

The following policies were discussed:

- **0101 GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY BATHROOMS
(policy required, update recommended)**
 - The committee discussed revising this policy per NYSSBA suggestion to reflect the usage of SED preferred or acceptable terms and icons on signage.
- **2342 AGENDA PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION
(policy optional, update required)**
 - The committee discussed a revision to reflect a recent change to the Public Officers Law regarding making meeting materials available to the public.
- **1230 PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS
(policy and exhibit) (policy recommended, update recommended)**
 - The committee discussed this policy and possible revisions. The committee decided that further discussion was necessary and the policy will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **1400 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS**
 - The committee discussed this policy, as it is referred in policy 1230 (Public Comment at Board Meetings). There are no changes recommended by NYSSBA at this time and the committee discussed including a “last reviewed date” of November 2021 to reflect that it was reviewed during the current review process.

NYSSBA's Policy Services

- The committee discussed different policy review services provided by NYSSBA. NYSSBA's free service is limited to pulling 10 policies in addition to the policies that are in the quarterly updates. NYSSBA's review process has an Essential Template package that includes 210 policies, the All Samples Package, which includes 355 policies, and a Compliance Review, which has NYSSBA review our school policies and provides suggested changes. The turnaround time for the Compliance Review is approximately 10 weeks.

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 11, 2022