



## **BRAINTREE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Thomas P. Devin, Chairperson  
Cyril Chafe, Vice Chairperson  
George Kokoros, Recording Secretary  
Jennifer Aborn Dolan  
Kelly Cobb-Lemire  
Karla Psaros  
Charles C. Kokoros, Mayor

## **POLICY & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **REMOTE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 2, 2021

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| Subcommittee Members | Ms. Jennifer Aborn Dolan/Mr. Cyril Chafe/Mr. Thomas Devin                                                            |
| Administration       | Mr. James Lee, Interim Superintendent of Schools<br>Ms. Courtney Miller, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools |
| Transcriber          | Ms. Mary Ann Cuddahy, Administrative Assistant                                                                       |

#### **1. Call to Order**

Ms. Dolan called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2021**

VOTED Unanimously: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Chafe to approve the minutes of October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL: AYES -3

Mr. Chafe/Ms. Aborn Dolan/Mr. Devin

#### **3. Sandy Hook Promise Tip Line**

Ms. Psaros joined the meeting to describe the Sandy Hook Promise Tip Line; a program the schools are looking to adopt. Ms. Psaros showed two short videos explaining the benefits of the program and discussed the collaborative conversations that included the Braintree Police Department. Mr. Chafe stated he was in favor of moving forward with this program and Ms. Dolan indicated it was "a no-brainer". Agreed to have the full committee view a presentation of the program at the next School Committee meeting.

#### **4. OSHA Information**

Mr. Lee distributed guidance on whether the district should comply with OSHA regulations regarding non-vaccinated employees. At present, the schools do not have to comply with the regulations, but it is possible that new guidance would make it necessary. The first step would be collecting vaccination status for all employees, should the district be accountable to a January 4, 2022 deadline. Committee members felt that this topic should wait for the new committee and a clear answer as to whether the district had to follow the regulations. Mr. Chafe made a motion to table, Mr. Devin seconded. Tabled by a vote of 3-0

#### **5. Vacation Survey**

Mr. Lee shared the results of the survey regarding changing the vacation schedule to one vacation in March, and no longer having one week in February and one week in April. There were 1719 responses, 1067 stating that the existing schedule should be kept and 652 responses saying that the district should explore changing this schedule. Ms. Dolan made the suggestion that this topic go to the next chair of the school committee. Mr. Devin made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Chafe. Table vote passed 3-0

## 6. **Preschool Organization**

Mr. Lee provided information around the exploration of moving the Preschool program out of BHS and possibly into MSKC, Morrison, and Flaherty. He explained that a group of Preschool teachers and parents have attended several working sessions, and that information was also shared with administration at MSKC. He emphasized that no decision had been made, but that future conversations would inevitably become more public. Mr. Chafe expressed support in moving the Preschool out of BHS.

## 7. **Next Meeting Date**

None scheduled until a new chair comes on board.

## 8. **Adjourn**

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: Upon a motion by Mr. Devin and seconded by Mr. Chafe to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYES -3

Mr. Chafe/Ms. Aborn Dolan/Mr. Devin

### **Documents Provided to Policy & Education Subcommittee:**

- Agenda
- Minutes, October 28, 2021
- OSHA Information

Note: Meeting was held remotely @: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83164721353>

Respectfully Submitted,

***Approved by Policy & Education Subcommittee  
on 2/28/2022***

Jennifer Dolan  
Chairperson

Kathleen Tuffy  
Chairperson, Effective 2/28/2022

