



Brighten Academy

Minutes

Policy/Governance Committee

Work Session

Date and Time

Monday October 7, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present

S. Battle

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

J. Smith, M. Vitale, N. Lord, R. Finan, S. Littles

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Battle called a meeting of the Policy/Governance Committee Committee of Brighten Academy to order on Monday Oct 7, 2024 at 6:13 PM.

II. Policy/Governance Committee

A.

Policies to be reviewed

Electronic Device and Toys (from handbook and H26) - Tabled previously but brought back up for discussion today. It was stated that this is centered on verbiage to differentiate usage from possession and the consequences associated with each. The question was posed about whether smart watches are allowed. Staff and Admin discussed the concerns; the devices should not be permitted. Suggestion was offered to update handbook to say "during school hours" at the end of first paragraph. Request to table for more discussion to clean up overall language.

H18 Threats of violence. This was previously tabled because interest was raised with disciplinary actions that "may" accompany actions pertaining to certain events related to this policy. DCSS policy must be referenced to ensure alignment, however, Dr. Little informed us that no such DCSS policy exists. No change here, leave the words intact.

H20 weapons in schools - This was previously tabled based on interest raised with disciplinary actions that "may" accompany actions pertaining to certain events related to this policy. Also, administrators' right to use discretion and how this discretion would be used were discussion points. DCSS has a policy related to this however our policy is more robust. Tabled.

7:17

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Battle