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POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Attendance: Diane Lyons, Liz Raum, Mark Fleischhauer, Joe Phelan

#5220-Student Publications

School newspaper follow-up and what happened:

1. The students expressed interest using a particular software but Joe wants to see its benefits, how it operates, and is there a cost? Joe to make appointment with Sara Wheeler to discuss details.
2. There are no legal roadblocks to the newspaper selling sponsorship space because the newspaper is an extra-curricular activity. The issue then becomes which sponsors are/are not appropriate (alcohol, tobacco, slanderous personal ad); and using the Code of Conduct as our guideline who decides (Newspaper Adviser?).
3. Digital publication is not a problem (legal advice) and make the policy reflect that "students can publish digitally and hardcopy."
4. The publication needs to add a masthead with bylaws and who is the publisher.

Joe is creating a draft policy to address these topics, and will review with Ed Davenport and Sara Wheeler.

#5182 Released Time for Religious Instruction

Per legal advice, it is constitutional to host religious instruction outside school hours, but it is against our current policy.

State Mandated Voter Registration for Students

For students who are 16 by November must be given the opportunity to register to vote. Joe suggests we do every September for the 11th and 12th grades social study classes. Joe will talk with Ed Davenport about how best to do the registration.

Next Meeting: March 28th, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Liz Raum