

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 29, 2018
5:00 PM
501 Kings Highway East
Superintendent's Conference Room

Minutes

Call to Order 5:03 PM

- Present were Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, Jennifer Jacobsen, Jeff Peterson, Colleen Deasy, Mike Cummings, Toni Jones.

Approval of May 22, 2018 Minutes

- Approved 2-0-1

High School Graduation Requirements

- The Committee reviewed the changes to the draft policy that had been made since the last meeting.
- Mike Cummings provided answers around questions pertaining to credit for AP science courses, SAT benchmarks, and the possible financial costs of having students attending high school for a fifth year.
- The Committee agreed to create a Fine Arts and Vocational Arts requirement under the "Electives" Umbrella.

Open Discussion/Public Comment

- Sara Hoefler, Music Coordinator for FPS stated that Art is a core subject under federal law, and requested that the Committee consider designating a Fine Arts requirement.
- Michele Hermsen, Art Coordinator for FPS, stated that she was alarmed to find that the arts requirement had been eliminated, and that she felt the policy should reflect the Vision of a Graduate for FPS, which would mean that Art is essential for creating a well-rounded student. She requested that the Committee consider keeping an arts and vocational requirement in the policy.

Vote to Adjourn 7:20 PM