

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES - May 14, 2020

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

#9410 Instructional Substitute Compensation

Added language that the District will notify the RTA president when an RTA leave replacement appointment is hired and/or their appointment is extended for five months or longer, a practice in which the District is under no obligation.

#4516.1 Technology Responsible ("RUP") Use Policy for Middle and High School Students

After having consulted with a variety of school districts Steve Jensen has put together a basic policy for addressing responsibilities of our students and staff when using computers and internet loaned through our District. A few areas of concern were discussed:

- There are two ways to address damaged computers by either requiring parents to purchase insurance or have the District purchase insurance. The cost premium of an insurance plan for the District, after having consulted with other school districts and assessing our experience of minimal damage to our computers, far exceeds the cost of replacing/repairing the device. Asking parents to purchase insurance is not a desired path. Instituting a three-strike policy for holding students responsible for replacing their damaged computer. We do have the ability to repair computers and the District is purchasing Apple Care which is a direct line for repairing and diagnosing computer damage. Steve is also purchasing purple protective hard-plastic cases for the computers which will have our RCSD hawk logo.
- At the end of each school year the loaned computers will be collected and completely "flattened" of user content.
- We will have the app/program of Find my Mac for lost/stolen computers.
- Chargers tend to suffer more frequent damage. We will encourage students to leave their chargers at home and provide chargers in the classrooms (along with power strips). If the charger is damaged it will be the responsibility of the student to replace damaged charger.
- Further discuss and clarify in policy whether or not 1:1 computers are for students participating in BMS/RHS classes, all of which will require technology, or whether RHS students who do not attend RCSD classes, i.e. students attending full-day BOCES programs, the Bridge program at Dutchess Community College, private or homeschooled students, should be provided with their own school district laptop as part of the District's 1:1 computing program.

Support Operations (no policy number assigned)

We are required by law to have a data security/privacy policy adopted by July 1, 2020. Steve consulted with both BOCES and NYSBA in constructing this policy. The policy details maintaining data security of students/staff, compliancy of third-party contracts, and creating a protocol to handle breach of data. We can revisit this policy throughout the year as needed. As a side note, our cyber security team plan is not included in this policy, due to its sensitive nature, but can be discussed with the Board of Education in Executive Session. Add to Code of Conduct for web-based classes.

Respectfully submitted: Liz Raum

Next Meeting: June 11, 2020