**Policy Committee Monthly Report –**

10/4/21– 4pm; Virtual Google Hangout

1. Communications Committee Meeting Attendance:  Kari Schwab, Josie Spreher, Elizabeth Uzzell, Chris Morton, Kim Elliott, Lan Zhu, Robert Wolfe, and Ryan Hill

**Discussion**

1. Suicide Intervention Policy edits:
   1. Staff can no longer evaluate/assess Risk level per changes to state regulations.
   2. Language of this policy changed to eliminated assessing risk level
2. 2022-2023 Calendar.
   1. Wake County traditional calendar has been released for 2022-2023 school year.
   2. 2 considerations for next year; Sterling starting on the same day as Wake county (A copy can be found in policy committee folder > Committee Meetings 2021-2022 > October 2021) or continue starting 1 week earlier.
      1. Finance needs to weigh in, as there has been lost revenue for children who come off the wait list closer to start of school, parents may have vacations planned which may prevent families from accepting a spot at Sterling (must attend first 20 days) or if students do not attend school for first 20 days, that affects our funding. Also, historically we have had difficulty moving a child’s school profiles from their previous school to Sterling if that school (ie. wake county school) is not in session. If wake county isn’t open yet, there is no one to move that data and that child isn’t officially at Sterling until their data is moved over and may affect funding.
      2. Second discussion on which holidays we will be out of school. Continue to follow wake county and try to observe as many religious holidays as possible or avoid all religious holidays and take off other days such as International Day of Peace, earth day, etc.
      3. Josie will present 2-3 options at October board meeting for the full board to review.
3. Athletics at Sterling:
   1. Would like to start a Soccer team at Sterling in the future. Still looking into what eligibility requirements as a Charter school we are required to follow by NCDPI

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* + 1. We will be required to follow some of the athletic rules that Wake county follows such as not charging athletes a fee. Will need to determine cost for coaches/spraying field, etc.
    2. Will need to determine student interest level to ensure we have enough players
    3. Confirmed there are local school teams we could compete against
  1. Decided to start with Intramural soccer team for now which follows our current policy “After School Activities/Clubs Enrichment Policy for Outside Vendors”

1. Weighted Lottery policy -waiting for input from DEI/Strategic planning/Finance regarding percentage

**To Be Approved:**

Updates to Suicide Intervention Policy

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Schwab

**Next meeting:** 11/3/2021 at 4:00