

Slate Valley Modified Unified Union School District
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Castleton Elementary School
September 25, 2017
5:15 PM

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order: The first meeting of the Policy Committee for the Slate Valley Modified Unified Union School District was called to order on September 25, 2017 at 5:18 PM at the Castleton Elementary School.
The people in attendance were Superintendent Brooke Olsen Farrell and committee members Mike Bache, Mike Fallis, Toni Lobdell, Shannon Baldwin, and Liz MacKay
2. Agenda: Toni Lobdell moved to accept the agenda and it was seconded by Mike Bache. The motion passed.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Election of Committee Chair:
Mike Bache moved to elect Toni Lobdell as committee chair and it was seconded by Mike Fallis. The motion passed.
5. Review of Current Policies/Project with VSBA:
Right now each school has its own set of policies. The committee must come up with one set of policies to be used for every school in the district. Brooke Farrell told the group that there is \$1000 transitional grant money available through VISBIT (Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust). VSBIT is a nonprofit that serves Vermont schools by assisting members in the area of risk management to protect and conserve educational resources. Brooke recommended that this money be used to hire Emily Simmons, a lawyer with the VT School Board Association, to help us with the required VT School Board Association policies. She would also review all of the existing school policies in the district and consolidate the required ones according to the VSBA organization of policies. In addition, she would also come to a future board meeting to explain the policies. The group was in favor of going ahead to retain the services of Emily Simmons. Then, there was some discussion about the difference of required policies, recommended policies, and other policies to consider. The group was in favor of following the recommendations from the VSBA. There was also discussion about an extra policy that will be added that will pertain to school choice within our district.
7. Timeline for Policy Development:
8. Agenda Building:
Brooke Farrell recommended that all committee members read the recommended policies from Board Operations (Policies A20, A21, A22, A23, and A24) before the next meeting. She also will be sending committee members a school choice policy (called Elementary Transfer Program) for the committee to review
9. Other:
10. Adjourn:
Mike Bache moved to adjourn at 5:56 PM. Seconded by Shannon Baldwin. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be on October 23 at 5:15 at the Fair Haven Grade School.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Mackay