King Philip Regional School District

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO:

School Committee

FROM:

Mr. Paul Zinni, C.A.G.S.

DATE: SUBJECT: March 15, 2021 Policy Review

The Policy Subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 and are presenting the following policies to the full School Committee as a 1st reading:

Copies of these policies are attached and include versions with and without tracked changes. Any changes made to the current King Philip version are based upon MASC recommendations.

SECTION K - COMMUNITY RELATIONS
KBA SCHOOL/PARENT RELATIONS GOALS
KBE RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS
KDB PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW
KDD NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS/NEWS RELEASES
KE PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
KF COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
KF-R COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
KHA SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS
KHB ADVERTISING ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY
KLG RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES

It is the recommendation of the Policy Subcommittee to rescind the following two policies, and are presented as a 1st reading:

Rescind: File KJA – Relations with Booster Organizations

Rescind: File KDBA – Public's Right to Know

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Attachments

File: KBA - SCHOOL/PARENT RELATIONS GOALS

1st reading - March 15 2021

It is the general goal of the District to foster a relationship with parents/guardians, which encourage cooperation between the home and school in establishing and achieving common educational goals for students.

While parents/guardians are individually responsible for their children, the District provides direct services of education and indirect services of childcare for students during the time when they are within the supervision of school personnel. Consistent with these shared responsibilities and as appropriate to the maturity of the student, members of the school staff will consult with parents/guardians regarding student progress and achievement, methods to enhance student development, and matters of correction.

Additionally, involvement of parents/guardians in schools is encouraged through regular communication with the school Principal and staff, the parent/teacher organizations, the school volunteer program, and other opportunities for participation in school activities and District programs.

SOURCE: MASC

File: KBA - SCHOOL/PARENT RELATIONS GOALS

Reviewed for PSC

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SOURCE: MASC

File: KBE

RELATIONS WITH PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

To foster relationships with parents/guardians that encourage the home and school to work together to establish and achieve common educational goals for students, the Superintendent and the professional staff will:

- 1. Consult with and encourage parents/guardians to share in school planning and in setting objectives and evaluating programs.
- 2. Help parents/guardians understand the educational process and their role in promoting it.
- 3. Provide for parent/guardian understanding of school operations.
- 4. Provide opportunities for parents/guardians to be informed of their child's development and the criteria for its measurement.

To accomplish the above and to enhance communications between parents/guardians and school officials, the Regional School Committee encourages the maintenance of formal parent organizations, including booster organizations, at each school building. For this purpose, the Committee will officially recognize parent organizations. These procedures will be observed:

- 1. Organizations will be officially recognized upon request by the building Principal who will file a copy of the organizational papers with the Superintendent.
- 2. A vote, open to all parents/guardians of students enrolled, will designate the organization to be recognized if more than one organization with the same purpose makes the request.
- 3. All parent organizations shall obtain 501C3 status and file appropriate paperwork with state authorities and make proof of such status available to the regional school district administration.
- 4. All parent organizations need to recognize that spending on student activities must comply with federal law relating to equity among student genders.

LEGAL REFS: Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

CROSS REFS: ACA - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex

SOURCE: MASC October 2016

1st Reading - March 15, 2021

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File: KDB

PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

The Regional School Committee is a public servant, and its meetings and records will be a matter of public information except as such meetings and records pertain to individual personnel and other classified matters.

The Regional School Committee supports the right of the people to know about the programs and services of their schools and will make every effort to disseminate information. All requests for information will be acted on fairly, completely, and expeditiously.

All commonly available public record documents of the School District shall be posted on the district's website. The length of time such records shall remain posted on the district website shall be in accordance with the Municipal Record Retention Manual. In addition, the official minutes of the Regional School Committee, its written policies and regulations, and its financial records will be open for inspection at the office of the Superintendent by any citizen desiring to examine them during hours when the office is open. No records pertaining to individual students or staff members will be released for inspection by the public or to any unauthorized persons by the Superintendent or other persons responsible for the custody of confidential files. The exception to this will be information about an individual employee (or student) that has been authorized in writing for release by the employee (or student, or student's parent/guardian).

Each building administrator is authorized to use all means available to keep parents/guardians and others in the particular school's community informed about the school's programs and activities.

SOURCE: MASC October 2016

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 4:7; 66:10; 30A:18-25

CROSS REFS.: BEDG, Minutes

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File: KDBA - PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW

Reviewed for PSC - KP only - MASC does not have this policy.

Rescind.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law governing access to public records, the King Philip Regional School District may charge for copies of documents requested. Charges for photocopies of a public record shall be twenty cents (\$0.20) per page for a standard 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper. Requests for electronic copies of records shall be treated on a per page basis which shall be twenty cents (\$0.20) per page;

As stated in regulations approved by the Secretary of State and the Supervisor of Public Records, the District may charge for the time spent by a staff person in preparing the copies.

The District will provide an estimate prior to fulfilling the request if the cost is expected to exceed \$10.00.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. <u>66:10(a)</u>

"A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law"

http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre/prepdf/guide.pdf

File: KDD - NEWS MEDIA RELATIONS/NEWS RELEASES

SC 1st reading March 15 2021

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All representatives of the media will be given equal access to information about the schools. General releases of interest to the entire community will be made available to all the media simultaneously. There will be no exclusive releases except as media representatives request information on particular programs, plans or problems.

In order that school district publicity is given wide coverage and is coordinated into a common effort and purpose, the following procedures will be followed in giving official information to the news media:

- 1. The Regional School Committee Chair will be the official spokesperson for the Committee, except when this duty is delegated to the Superintendent.
- 2. News releases that are of a system-wide or a sensitive nature or pertain to established Committee policy are the responsibility of the Superintendent.
- 3. News releases that are of concern to only one school, or to an organization of one school, are the responsibility of the Principal of that particular school. All statements made to the press by other staff members of the particular school must be cleared with the Principal.

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PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Although no member of the community will be denied the right to bring their complaints to the Regional School Committee, they will be referred through the proper administrative channels for solution before investigation or action by the Regional School Committee. Exceptions will be made when the complaints concern Regional School Committee actions or Regional School Committee operations only.

The Regional School Committee believes that complaints are best handled and resolved as close to their origin as possible, and that the professional staff should be given every opportunity to consider the issues and attempt to resolve the problem prior to involvement by the Regional School Committee. Therefore, the proper channeling of complaints involving instruction, discipline or learning materials will be as follows:

- 1. Teacher
- 2. School building administrator
- 3. Superintendent
- 4. Regional School Committee

If a complaint, which was presented to the Regional School Committee and referred back through the proper channels, is adjusted before it comes back to the Regional School Committee, a report of the disposition of the matter will be made to the Regional School Committee and then placed in the official files.

Complaints about school personnel will be investigated fully and fairly. However, before any such complaint is investigated, the complainant must submit their complaint in writing. Anonymous complaints will be disregarded.

Matters referred to the Superintendent and/or Regional School Committee must be in writing and should be specific in terms of the action desired.

The Regional School Committee expects the professional staff to receive complaints courteously and to make a proper reply to the complainant.

SOURCE: MASC October 2016

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. <u>76:5</u>

603 CMR 26.00

1st reading - March 15, 2021

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File: KF - COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

SC 1st reading 3/15/2021

It is the Regional School Committee's desire that maximum use of school property be enjoyed by the townspeople. It is the Regional School Committee's intent that such use will maintain safe conditions and preserve the property for school program use.

Use of school buildings and other facilities by organizations will be permitted only when a worthy educational, civic, or charitable purpose will be served; or a substantial group of citizens from the community will be benefited.

School facilities will be used according to the regulations and rental fee schedules recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Regional School Committee.

Permission for the use of facilities must be obtained through the office of the Superintendent of Schools where applications are available for this purpose.

Eligibility

School facilities will be available for the following:

- 1. Public school activities
- 2. Parent-teacher activities
- 3. Official town public hearings and political activities;
- 4. Meetings and activities sponsored by the Regional School Committee and school personnel
- 5. Parks and playgrounds activities
- 6. Local nonprofit and noncommercial organization activities
- 7. Metropolitan civic, educational, social, and religious organization activities if a substantial portion of the members are residents of the town
- 8. The activities of other organizations when approved by the Regional School Committee.

School and Town Preference

The priority given requests for use of school facilities will be as follows:

- 1. School Activities
- 2. Town meetings and elections over other community activities
- 3. Parks and playgrounds

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. <u>71:71</u>; <u>71:71B</u>; <u>272:40A</u>

CROSS REF.: KF-R

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Use of school buildings and other facilities by non-school or non-school-affiliated groups organizations will be permitted only when a worthy educational, civic, or charitable purpose will be served; or a substantial group of citizens from the community will be benefited.

School-related or school-affiliated groups will be permitted reasonable use of school facilities without charge with permission from the Director of Finance and Operations.

School facilities will be used according to the regulations and rental fee schedules recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Regional School Committee.

Permission for the use of facilities must be obtained through the office of the Superintendent of Schools or building Principal. Applications where applications are available in the Principal's office, District office, or on the District's website.for this purpose.

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- 6. Outside Organizations

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 71:71; 71:71B; 272:40A

Note: A brief policy on Community Use of Facilities suffices when it is implemented by fairly extensive regulations approved by the SC. Many policies, however, also contain the basic principles that govern the use of facilities by outside groups.

File: KF-R - COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

SC 1st reading 3/15/2021

The use of school buildings, grounds, equipment, and facilities will be authorized by the Superintendent in conformity with the following regulations, which have been approved by the Regional School Committee.

- 1. Requests for the use of school facilities will be made at the office of the District Business Office at least 14 days prior to the date of use.
- 2. School facilities may not be used for individual, private, or commercial purposes.
- 3. Requests for school facilities must be cleared with the Director of Finance and Operations.
- 4. School-related groups will be permitted reasonable use of school facilities without charge.
- 5. All activities must be under competent adult supervision approved by the Director of Finance and Operations. In all cases, an assigned school employee will be present. The group using the facilities will be responsible for any damage to the building or equipment.
- 6. Groups receiving permission are restricted to the dates and hours approved and to the building area and facilities specified, unless requested changes are approved by the Director of Finance and Operations.
- 7. Groups receiving permission are responsible at all times for the observance of fire and safety requirements.
- 8. Smoking within the building is not permitted. Permission for the possession and sale of alcoholic beverages may be granted to a nonprofit organization, which is properly licensed, only by the Regional School Committee.
- 9. Proper liability insurance will be required of all groups given permission to use school facilities.
- 10. The Committee will approve and periodically review a fee schedule for the use of school facilities.
- 11. In situations where there is no cost factor to the school district, or in situations where a mutual exchange of facilities is possible between the school district and the organization, rates may be modified or eliminated by the Superintendent or designee. In situations where extended usage for a long period of time is required, rates may be set at a contract price.
- 12. The School Committee reserves the right to cancel any permission granted.

SOURCE: MASC

CROSS REF.: KF

Note: Although many regulations in this category include the fee schedule for use of various facilities, it is recommended that such schedules be included in the policy manual as an exhibit document coded KG-E because of their changing nature. This is an area in which the SC needs to officially approve regulations. There may be additional procedural regulations that are purely administrative.

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File: KHA - SOLICITATIONS IN THE SCHOOLS

SC 1st reading 3/15/21

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- 2. The school district should not give the public the impression of generally endorsing or sanctioning commercial and fund-raising activities.
- 3. Commercial and fund-raising activities may disrupt school routine and cause loss of instructional time.

Following these guiding statements, the Superintendent and Principals may permit occasional commercial or fund-raising activities related to the objectives of the schools with the following exceptions:

- 1. No <u>direct solicitation</u> of students or employees may take place without Regional School Committee permission.
- 2. No general or class <u>distribution</u> of commercial or fund-raising literature may take place without School Committee permission.

For the purposes of this policy, local PTA and PTO groups and groups representing school district employees will be considered "school groups" and will be governed by the Committee's policy on staff solicitations.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. <u>44:53A</u>

CROSS REFS.: GBEBC, Staff Gifts and Solicitations

JJE, Student Fund-Raising Activities

KHB, Advertising in the Schools

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KHB, Advertising in the Schools

Approved: 11/18/19

ADVERTISING ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

The Regional School committee may grant permission for advertising of commercial products or services in school buildings or on school property under guidelines or regulations it may approve. Otherwise, no advertising of commercial products or services will be permitted in school buildings or on school property. Publications of the school district will not contain any advertising. However, this will not prevent advertising in student publications that are published by student organizations, subject to administration controls, or the use of commercially-sponsored, free teaching aides if the content is approved by the administration.

Solicitation of sales or use of the name of the school district to promote any product will not be permitted by the Regional School Committee.

Source: MASC October 2016

CROSS REF .:

KHA, Solicitations in the Schools

1st reading - March 15, 2021

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Source: MASC October 2016

No permanent advertising of commercial products, services, logos, or names will be permitted in school buildings or on school grounds or properties unless approved by the School Committee. Understanding that sport and club activities are partially supported by fundraising, temporary advertising of commercial products, services and logos will be permitted on a limited basis, during the time of and just prior to a sporting event, during the time of or just prior to a club activity, during a given season or during a given school year. In subsequent years, previously approved advertisements will be renewed as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. Notification of this action shall be tendered to the School Committee. No school personnel shall be used for setup and removal of the advertisements without approval of the superintendent or business administrator. Guidelines for advertising around athletic venues, in particular, are:

- 1. Any advertising or memorials placed around athletic venues will not distract, cause obstruction to, or affect the safety of the participants.
- 2. The promotion of healthy products and good nutrition is encouraged.
- 3. The promotion of education, sportsmanship, and anti-drug messages to raise awareness are encouraged.
- 4. The promotion of participation in athletics is encouraged.

Commercial advertising may be allowed in student publications that are published by student organizations subject to building protocols. Commercial advertising may be allowed in publications produced by the administration as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent. The use of free teaching aids which are commercially sponsored will be allowed if the content is

approved by the administration. The building principal can, at any time, restrict this advertising if it is deemed inappropriate.

CROSS REF.: JP, Student Gifts and Solicitations

KHA, Solicitations in the Schools

File: KJA - RELATIONS WITH BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS

Reviewed for PSC - KP only - MASC does not have this policy.

Rescind

The Regional School Committee recognizes that the endeavors and objectives of booster organizations and similar groups can be a valuable means of stimulating interest in and endorsement of the aims and achievements or our school district.

Generally, actions initiated by boosters provide the atmosphere and climate to weld together desirable community-school relationships.

Booster-proposed plans, projects, or activities must be evaluated and promoted in light of their stated contribution to the academic as well as the athletic and fine arts programs of the schools. Care must be taken to avoid compromising or diluting the responsibilities and authorities of the School Committee.

RELATIONS WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES

SC 1st reading

Cooperation with law enforcement agencies is essential for the protection of students, for maintaining a safe environment in the district schools, and for safeguarding all school property.

Relationships between the schools and officials of law enforcement agencies in investigative matters concerning pupils will take into consideration the respective roles of the schools and law enforcement agencies in assisting and protecting the interests of the community, and ensuring the rights of all concerned.

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REF.: Memorandum of Understanding between the King Philip Regional School District, the Wrentham, Norfolk, and Plainville Police Departments and the Norfolk Country District Attorney's Office

SOURCE: MASC