

**Newburyport School Committee  
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2021**

Meeting Called to order at 6:05

Attendees: Sheila Reardon Spalding, Sean Gallagher, David Hockheiser

Committee members discussed the Communications Policy and questioned how file names are assigned. Most likely from MASC but we will ask the whole committee. May assign a number to this policy to make it fit in a logical place, such as "Community Relations" section K.

Public Gifts revised policy was discussed. Anonymous donors section will leave acceptance of donation to the discretion of the Superintendent. Committee signed off on this policy to bring to the whole School Committee.

Discussion of amending the Public Comment policy to remind constituents to protect student privacy. This could also suggest that constituents contact the School Committee in writing. A single line will be added to the current policy and brought to the full committee.

District Family surveys were discussed. New York Public Schools do an annual cultural and academic survey of staff, students and parents to monitor school progress. Sean Gallagher said administrators have been collecting data this year and he will have them collate it to present to the sub committee as a starting point at our next meeting.

The substance abuse policy was discussed. The written policy needs updating to be more restorative and therapeutic like the new Vaping policy. These practices are already in place at the schools - the policy book needs to reflect it. Sean Gallagher will invite the Nock and High school administrators to our sub committee meeting to discuss this.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM