AGENDA

1. Call to order: welcome to members and guests
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public session
5. Approval of Proposed Meeting Minutes 8-5-15
6. Approval of the agenda for 10-20-15
   a. Agenda Items:
      Continued discussion of CIAC position statement
      Continued discussion of revision of SHS/BOE Dress Code
      Policy Review
7. Next meeting date: Discussion of date and time
8. Adjournment

Proposed Minutes

Chairman Yolish called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

The following committee members and guests were in attendance:

Kathy Yolish, Faith Hack, Win Oppel, Chris Clouet, Freeman Burr, Lorraine Rossner, Kate Kutash, Debbie Keller, Victoria White, Win Oppel, Arlene Liscinsky, Mark Holden via Skype

Public Guests: Darlisa Ritter and Anne Gaydos

The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Member of the Public Present and wishing to speak:

Diane Dobosz- spoke on behalf of ECA and transportation to and from the magnet school and her second daughter’s participation in Fairchild Wheeler Magnet School activities

Victor Merced – on behalf of Dave Shine – reading a letter – participation of student in sport activities and benefits and advantages – providing the opportunity for all students the benefits of the participation is school activities
Arun Singh – two students – Sophomore at Fairchild Wheeler and 2nd grader in Sunnyside – his son participates in a high school sports which builds teamwork, comradery, cognitive skills – work out a plan for students to participate in sports as well as attend magnet schools

Jeffery Hunt – parent - concern with CIAC by-laws – his daughter has been a student in Shelton schools since Kindergarten – now attends Fairchild Wheeler – she also has participated in the Lacrosse program in Shelton as well as Field Hockey in Shelton – work out a plan for future enrollments of magnet schools and a student’s right to participate in student activities like sports at Shelton High School

Mariam Dobosz – student at Fairchild Wheeler – runs cross country and track at SHS – please do not deny the opportunity for magnet schools the opportunity to participate in Shelton sports and allow me the opportunity to explore the additional classes that a magnet school can provide – please allow us the continued opportunity to participate

Kathy Grandville – has a student at Fairchild Wheeler Magnet – what will happen to the students that tried out for teams this year and did not make the cut – will he be provided the opportunity to try out for teams in the future – can this situation be resolved?

Devin Spisto – her family has members that have always participated on various sports teams at SHS – currently attends Fairchild Wheeler but participate in softball and cross country at SHS – please rethink the “grandfathering” clause and let all students participate

Mike Madison – current child at Fairchild Wheeler and continue to offer the opportunities for students to attend magnets as well as attend magnet schools as long as they meet the criteria

Priscilla Codere – Family history of students participating in sports at SHS – having the ability for students to participate in sports as well as attend Fairchild Wheeler offers them the opportunity to be a well-rounded student who will be attractive for acceptance to college

Kathy asked to approve the meeting minutes of 8/15/15 – Moved by Win Oppel and seconded by Faith Hack

Kathy asked to approve the meeting agenda of 10/20/15 meeting. Moved by Win Oppel and seconded by Kate Kutash

**Agenda Items:**

1.) Continued discussion of CIAC position statement – F. Burr

The Superintendent has shared a document with the committee: *see attached handout*

- Item #1 CIAC participation guidelines
- SBOE Policy Proposal
- MOU/Articulation Agreement – with sending magnet schools
The draft of the MOU would come back to the full BOE for review in order to move forward as protocol.

Win Oppel suggested that a proposal is made to develop an MOU with the Bridgeport school system to provide the opportunity for students to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities at Shelton High School with certain guidelines in an effort to offer parody for student participation.

Motion carried and approved to bring forward to the full board.

2.) Continued discussion of revision of SHS/BOE Dress Code
   a. Suggestion is made to move the final statement into the first paragraph of the SHS Handbook statement and add final statement as a letter bullet point in to the BOE policy.

3.) Policy Review
   a. Move forward with this item by the BOE Policy committee in December and/or January to begin policy revisions.

Next meeting date:

- Tuesday, November 10, 2015
- 5:00 P.M.
- Conference Room B
- Central Administrative Offices

Tentative Agenda Items:

- Revision of draft of the changes to the SHS dress code as well as BOE Dress Code Policy
- Review of Elementary Celebration Activities
- Continued Discussion re: Plan for Policy Revisions

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.
1. **CHARTER, MAGNET, REGIONAL COOPERATIVE, INTER-DISTRICT SATELLITE SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

   Eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at the sending school or school from which he/she would normally matriculate is extended to any student when the school does not offer any interscholastic athletic program. (1) The above listed alternative schools must be state authorized. (2) The above listed alternative schools need not be members of CIAC in order for their athletes to be allowed to play for the sending (home) school. (3) The principal of the CIAC member school at which the athlete would normally matriculate has the right to make the decision on the acceptance of these students in his/her athletic programs. The CIAC will allow such participation. However, the CIAC member school must approve such participation before an alternative school athlete can participate.

   - **Note:** Milford does not allow any students not enrolled in their district to participate in their athletics or extra-curricular activities. East Haven allows participation in marching band and athletics. Branford allow it for athletics.

2. **SBOE Policy Proposal**

   BOE proposes policy to grandfather existing students in SHS programs through graduation but closes the window of opportunity for future participation; or establishes a policy to not allow participation if not in attendance at SHS.

   Note: According to CABE – no other district has this policy on the books at this time. Due to FW Magnet status could invite SDE involvement and/or State Board/Legislative action.

3. **MOU/Articulation Agreement**

   Agreement between district schools involved (e.g. FW Magnet and SHS) Attending district school (Bpt. /FW Magnet) require meeting all SHS Criteria for participation: including but not limited to:

   - Academic; Attendance (school), Attendance (Athletic/extra-curricular) in accord SHS Handbook;
   - Behavior – suspension; Updated Medical – a physical/ MD orders; Liability
   - Onus on participating district/school.
The SHS Handbook states:

DRESS CODE: The Board of Education encourages students to maintain good personal hygiene and to dress in clean clothing appropriate to the school situation. Restrictions on freedom of student dress may be applied whenever the modes of dress in question are unsafe either for the student or those around the student, are disruptive of school operations and the education process in general, violate school rules and/or are contrary to law. For health and safety reasons, shoes must be worn at all times. Skirts and shorts must be of appropriate length. Undergarments must be appropriately covered at all times. All shirts and blouses must reach the waistline and no midriff is to be exposed. Halter tops, tube tops, strapless tops, see-through lace tops, spaghetti strap tank tops, mesh tank tops, work-out wear, spandex, cut offs (for either sex) and short mini-skirts are not appropriate school attire and will not be allowed. Attire or accessories that depict logos or emblems that represent drugs, alcohol or tobacco are not allowed. No gang symbol of any type may be worn or displayed on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity. Accessories, such as spiked jewelry and long chains, which may be a danger to self or others, are not allowed. Attire that conveys a message which is vulgar or hateful or promotes illegal discrimination is prohibited. Hats, bandanas, sunglasses or headgear of any kind are not allowed. Outerwear must be kept in student’s locker. Students who are in violation of the school dress code must change their clothing and are subject to disciplinary consequences, including being sent home.

Board of Education Policy 5132 STUDENT DRESS states: In order to maintain an environment conducive to the educational process, the Board of Education prohibits the following from wear during the academic school day:

a. Coats, jackets or other attire normally worn as outerwear. Outerwear includes: coats, jackets, windbreakers, nylon pullovers, down vests, and other clothing the administration deems inappropriate. Outerwear shall not be worn, carried or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.

b. Head coverings of any kind, including but not limited to scarves, bandannas, masks, headbands covering forehead, visors, kerchiefs, athletic sweatbands, hats, caps or hoods. Approved coverings worn as part of a student’s religious practice or belief shall not be prohibited under this policy. Head coverings shall not be worn, carried, hung on belts or around the neck or kept in the classroom during regular school hours.

c. Items a. and b. above must be secured in the student’s locker before school starts. Items not stored will be confiscated by Principal or his designee.

d. Footwear which mars floors or is a safety hazard.

e. Sunglasses, whether worn or carried.

f. "Name" or other oversized metal belt buckles and all metal belts or combination of metal and leather belts.

g. Spiked or studded bracelets, oversized or multi-finger rings, belts or any other article of attire with spikes or studs attached, or any other clothing item that may present a safety hazard to the student, other students or staff.

h. Attire or accessories which contain overly offensive or disruptive writing or pictures likely to unduly disrupt the educational environment, or which constitute "fighting words".

i. Attire or accessories which depict logo or emblems that encourage the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages.

Letter bullet point — move final statement
j. Shirts and/or blouses which reveal the abdomen, chest, or undergarments.
k. See-through clothing, tank tops or sleeveless shirts.

1. Shorts, miniskirts, or pants which reveal the upper thigh or undergarments. Spandex garments are allowed only if they are covered by shorts or skirts. Students who fail to comply with Board policy and regulations concerning student dress will be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion in accordance with the Board's policy on student discipline.

STAFF (FACULTY ADVISORY) 6/10/15
Appropriate attire for all school dances, including the prom, incudes:
- no open backs or midriffs
- no transparent material
- no side or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest

STUDENTS (STUCO OFFICERS) 6/16/15
Appropriate attire for all school dances, including the prom, incudes:
- no open midriffs
- no opening below mid-back, must cover lower back
- no transparent material throughout midriff, lower back or lower chest area
- no side, midriff or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest

PARENTS (PTSO OFFICERS) 6/22/15
Appropriate attire for all school functions, including, but not limited to all school dances, including the prom, sports banquets and all club functions incudes:
- no open midriffs
- no opening below mid-back, must cover lower back
- no transparent material throughout midriff, lower back or lower chest area
- no side, midriff or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest

FINAL STATEMENT
Appropriate attire for all school functions, including, but not limited to all school dances, including the prom, banquets and all club functions incudes:
- no open midriffs
- no opening below mid-back, must cover lower back
- no transparent material throughout midriff, lower back or lower chest area
- no side, midriff or chest cut-outs
- no front, back or side slits greater than 6 inches above the knee
- no exposed chest