

Present: Court Booth, Tracey Marano, Eva Mostoufi, Laurie Hunter, Dorothy Presser (MASC)

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Booth called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Roll call attendance was taken: Booth, aye; Marano, aye. *Ms. Mostoufi joined at 10:06 AM.*
2. **Vote to Approve Minutes** – A motion was made by Ms. Marano, seconded by Ms. Mostoufi, to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes. The motion was approved by roll call: Booth, aye; Marano, aye; Mostoufi, aye.
3. **Public Comments**
 1. Kristen Hagerty, 95 Revolutionary Road, Concord MA. Ms. Hagerty asked how the subcommittee has included the Boston families in the discussion and shaping of the policy.

4. Policies Reviewed:

Proposal/s for METCO non-voting representative/s to School Committee/s. The Subcommittee reviewed the items needing further discussion in the draft document. Mr. Booth stated that the METCO Family Collective had requested that there be two representatives, one for CPS and one for CCRSD. Dr. Hunter noted that a student representative has been secured at CCHS for the remainder of the school year. The Subcommittee agreed that the model of one representative for K-12 and an alternate made sense. In terms of equity, Ms. Mostoufi asked if the hybrid option would still be in place and Ms. Presser stated that they are waiting to see what the legislature does, noting that a remote participation option, if allowed, should be reflected in a meeting policy, not this particular policy. Ms. Marano suggested adding it to practices and protocols. Ms. Presser suggested making it clear in the policy that the METCO families would choose both the representative and the alternate. Mr. Booth stated the state laws and town charter prohibit this person from voting and Ms. Presser suggested including the legal references at the bottom of the policy. Mr. Booth noted that the METCO Families Collective was seeking a voting member seat. Regarding voting rights of this person, Dr. Hunter stated that she reached out to representative Gouveia, noting that it may also be a METCO Inc. discussion. The subcommittee agreed on a two-year term for representatives through a bi-annual election for Boston resident Concord and Concord Carlisle METCO parents or guardians.

Dr. Hunter stated that the district can help be the vehicle for elections but cannot release a list of names. Mr. Booth stated that they could reach out to families through the METCO Superintendent's Advisory Group. Ms. Mostoufi suggested adding information about the newly formed METCO Superintendent's Advisory Group and election on the district website. The Subcommittee agreed that the representative is eligible for re-nomination as long as they are the parent or guardian of a current Boston resident METCO student. They also agreed that if a vacancy occurs, the METCO Superintendent's Advisory Group would nominate a person to complete the unexpired two year term.

Mr. Booth reviewed the METCO Families Collective requests: two seats (K-8 and 9-12), Zoom option for meetings, 25% of meetings conducted in Boston, a stipend for gas, allowing former METCO parents to be representatives, two-year term, an election determined by the METCO Families Collective, unexpired term appointment nomination, and voting member seat.

Dr. Hunter suggested bringing a first draft of the policy to the SC and the METCO Superintendent's Advisory Group to solicit feedback and discussion. The Subcommittee reviewed the document, ensuring they had addressed all of the concerns of the collective. Dr. Hunter, Mr. Booth and Ms. Presser agreed to work on the legal and cross references for the policy. Ms. Mostoufi questioned if there is any guidance for the new members and Ms. Presser stated that they could attend MASC's Charting the Course program and MASC could send them the same materials they send to new SC members.

5. Public Comments

1. Joyce DeGreeff, 1400 Lowell Road, Concord MA. Ms. DeGreeff thanked Mr. Booth for sharing the feedback from the METCO families. She stated that she felt the part of the policy that didn't allow representatives to stay on once their children were no longer in the school system was misguided. She also stated that, because this

person would not be able to vote, a compromise could be allowing two representatives, noting that this person may be the only person of color at the table.

6. Action Item

Recommendation for School Committees First Reading. A motion was made by Ms. Marano, seconded by Ms. Mostoufi, to bring the draft policy with legal references added to the School Committee for a first reading. Ms. DeGreeff noted a typo (“alternative” to “alternate” in line 4) on the policy. The motion passed by roll call: Booth, aye; Marano, aye; Mostoufi, aye.

7. Adjournment - A motion was made by Ms. Mostoufi, seconded by Ms. Marano, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call and the meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Meeting Recording

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Higgins

Approved: 10.5.22