**Policy Committee Monthly Report – August 2021**

August 4, 2021 – 4 pm; Virtual via Google Meet

Policy Committee Meeting Attendance: Josie Spreher, Elizabeth Uzzell, Kim Elliott, Kari Schwab

**New Policy Proposals**

* School Based Mental Health plan
  + Sterling will need SBMH per NC SBE Policy SHLT-003; this was issued in July 1 and due September; we will need to prepare and submit to [DPI](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/k-12-standards-curriculum-and-instruction/programs-and-initiatives/nc-healthy-schools/school-mental-health-policy/plan-components).
* Homebound services: providing services for students at home, particularly in light of COVID; Rownak and Josie will work on

\*\*ACTION ITEMS – waiting on SBMH and homebound plans

**Amendments to Existing Policy**

* Sibling [Admissions](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mbpo2dssH6IplZo71MsOhipqiCoq7NDK/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs): this policy would bundle siblings so that it is more likely for families to get into Sterling
* COVID testing protocols: discussed possibility of testing unvaccinated faculty; we will not require this; all students and staff will be masked indoors and practice social distancing where possible; we are out of FFCRA funding so moving forward will follow leave policy
* Weighted lottery: we discussed the [draft](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xDLMCfQyksv9pNpJ8uTF6vqn67Q1ytU8/view) but it might not be ready for approval
* Board priority in enrollment: we have followed a procedure of enrolling 2 board members’ children per year, however, the policy states “Total number of School employees and Board Members’ children are limited to no more than 15% of the school’s total enrollment” ([Policy 11](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oj_3ToueIwUBEh8rO7zXcBfjntpDkQbK/view)); we need to discuss this at the next meeting

\*\*ACTION ITEMS – will discuss COVID protocols moving forward; need to approve sibling bundling; need to discuss priority enrollment

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Uzzell