

Policy and Procedures Subcommittee
1/27/20 at 6:00 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ms. Luong, Mr. McCarthy, Ms. Spadafora, Mr. Weldai, Superintendent Oteri

Ms. Luong presented information to the committee on Sandy Hook Promise. We then discussed the K-5 version of the program, "Start With Hello." Included in the materials were sample lesson plans from the program focusing on inclusion.

"Say Something" is the app version of anonymous reporting that is the older grades version of the Sandy Hook Promise. When thinking about other districts around us, Medford was brought up as having just started using "Say Something," as well as Haverhill, Revere, Dracut, Randolph, Boston and Springfield.

Ms. Spadafora brought up the question of who would be handling the administration of "Say Something" in the district, and Ms. Luong explained that it was a self-managing program that we could opt-into. Ms. Spadafora brought up the worry about false anonymous reporting and whether or not the app would contradict anything in our own Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy. Ms. Luong said she would explore further and wants to bring up the Bullying Policy at a future meeting for updates.

Ms. Luong made a motion to refer "Start With Hello" to the full committee to explore pilot adoption. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Ms. Spadafora made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Ms. Luong seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.