

## Discussables

October 31, 2017

Those in attendance: Christina Allen, Julie Harvey, Susanne Tieman, Ginger Butcher, Mark Misch, Scott Mills, Kathy O'Sullivan

1. Policies:
  - a. Want them approved by the December 12<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.
  - b. 2623.01 Testing Policy: Scott shared recommended testing policy changes. He will send the drafted changes for us to review.
  - c. Suicide Intervention Training – Revised Policy: Scott reviewed the basic changes to the state guidelines for suicide intervention training. He asked that counselors read over the new policy and make recommendations if anything additional would need to be revised.
  - d. Background Checks Policy – Revised Policy: Scott shared the basic changes to this policy. He stated that the new law requires to give the check every five years, but we only had to do 1/5 of the staff per year. He thought we could start with those who have been here at least five years (approximately 28 making 20%, and then move down the list each year checking 20% per year. He asked that we review the policy and be prepared to have discussions about the policy at our next meeting.
2. Field Trip Language: NCTA asked if the new policy will require that requests be that we may not leave until 9:00 and return by 3:30 to benefit from the district paying for transportation? Scott shared that if the trip extended past the school day then the district would not pay for transportation.
3. Teacher Appreciation Grant: Another school corporation is communicating to a former employee that he must receive the benefits of the teacher appreciation grant from his previous employer (NWCS). Scott shared that is false. NWCS will be responsible for distributing the TAG money to teachers employed with NWCS on Dec. 1, 2018 that also have an evaluation rating of effective or highly effective from the previous year.