

# Watertown School Committee

## Policy Subcommittee Report

**Meeting Date:** November 21, 2016

**Location:** Phillips School

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance:** Guido Guidotti (chair) and Eileen Hsu-Balzer

**Other School Committee Members in Attendance:** John Portz and Candace Miller

**School Officials in Attendance:** John Brackett and Donna Ruseckas

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

### **II. Changing the Athletics Subcommittee to a Student Development Subcommittee**

The subcommittee heard a presentation by Candace Miller on the rationale for changing the Athletics Subcommittee to a Student Development Subcommittee. Eileen Hsu-Balzer agreed that the issues addressed in the presentation should be acted upon by a body, but didn't feel that a subcommittee of the school committee was necessarily the appropriate body. She questioned whether the wellness committee or some other committee would be more appropriate. John Brackett commented that it made more sense to him to have student development as a goal of the administration around which a subcommittee could later be formed. He felt that having a subcommittee prior to a goal was putting the cart before the horse. The subcommittee voted 2-0 to recommend to the full committee that an ad hoc committee on student development be appointed by the chair.

### **III. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by Guido Guidotti, Chair