

**MINUTES OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH
SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, ILLINOIS**

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on March 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Mark Victor and Joe Johnson. Also present: Mike Coughlin, Michelle Baudino, Jason Brockman, Kari Carpenter, Kim Krueger, Dan Misener, George Lambole, Jo Poyner, Mark Rice, Kris Jackson, Colette Warning, Angie Warwick and Dave Odum.

A. Bullying Policy – Review policy & On-line anonymous submission form

Mr. Coughlin reminded the committee that the school has a current bullying policy. School administration had a meeting with each class to discuss and review bullying expectations for the school year. Mr. Coughlin indicated that the school website has an on-line anonymous submission form to report any witnessed cases of bullying.

B. 2017 – 2018 Student Handbook

Mr. Coughlin stated that the 2017 – 2018 Student Handbook would be shared with the discipline committee members after final approval, in May, by the board of education. Mr. Coughlin acknowledged that Seneca High will continue using the IPA model handbook subscription, which is aligned with Board of Education PRESS Policies. Mr. Coughlin provided the committee with August 2016 and November 2016 supplements provided by Illinois Principals Association. As of March, only one new policy (7.25 Guidelines for School Sponsored Publications) will be added to the current handbook. Numerous procedures have minor amendments to language.

C. Sexting article—Informational item for parents

Mr. Coughlin shared an article from the Cyberbullying Research Center written by Dr. Justin Patchin. Dr. Patchin is consider an expert in the field teens and their use of technology. He has focused on cyberbullying, social networking and sexting. Mr. Coughlin reported that he aware of three cases of sexting at Seneca High School this school year, none that were considered criminal in nature that involved the Seneca Police Department.

D. 3rd Nine weeks attendance, grades and discipline stats.

The 3rd nine weeks of school ends on Friday, March 10th. Mr. Coughlin will be sharing the 3rd Nine week statistics with the discipline committee via e-mail after they are shared with board of education at the April meeting.

E. Drug Testing Update.

Mr. Haines gave discipline committee an update on the school random drug testing policy. Mr. Haines indicated that all drug tests this school year has shown no “positive” tests.

F. School Safety Update

Mr. Coughlin discussed the administration's actions related to Bright Arrow message sent to all parents.

G. Other/Questions/Concerns

Mr. Coughlin assured committee members that Seneca High School is aligned with S.B. 100. School boards may not institute any "zero tolerance" discipline policies which require administrators to suspend or expel students for particular behaviors unless specifically required by federal or state law.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary

3-15-17

Date