

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 7, 2018 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, James Carlson, Steve Haines, Michelle Baudino, Jason Brockman, Kim Krueger, Sean Poyner, Elizabeth Thrun, Joyce Vroman & Angie Warwick.

A. 1st semester Discipline Stats

Mr. Coughlin reviewed the 1st semester discipline stats from the 2018 - 2019 school year. Mr. Coughlin reviewed the average daily attendance along with the perfect attendance stats. He then reviewed both grade information and the discipline stats.

Freshman had the highest avg. daily attendance rate of 95.8%

The Junior class had the highest amount of students with perfect attendance 28 of 119.

The 3rd nine weeks of school ends on Friday, March 9th. 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 March meeting.

B. 2018 -2019 Student Handbook

Mr. Coughlin stated that the 2018 - 2019 Student Handbook will 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 the November 2017 supplements provided by Illinois Principals Association. As of March, only one new policy (MSH 1.150 Accommodating Breastfeeding Students). This new procedure outlines the rights of students who are nursing mothers. It will be a discretionary policy regarding placement to the current handbook. Numerous procedures had minor amendments to language to comply with PRESS policy.

C. School Safety

Mr. Coughlin shared an article from the school website involving the social media "SHS threat" from February 22nd that went viral across the country impacting many school with SHS acronym. Mr. Coughlin and Dr. Carlson shared the actions taken after learning from the Grundy County Sheriff's Department regarding the threat. School administration notified parents, students and staff that the threat had origin in Ohio. It was not directed at or by anyone associated with Seneca High School or at Seneca High School.

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Mr. Coughlin informed the committee that Seneca High School would be pursuing hiring two part time non-armed security monitors to assist the overall security of the school. Seneca High School will continue to work in a collaborative effort with Seneca Police department and the City of Seneca to explore the possibilities for a School Resource Officer.

Mr. Coughlin informed the committee that school administration had one student disciplined for vaping on school property. Mr. Coughlin reported to the committee that school administration would work to communicate with faculty and students the negative health issues of vaping.

A concerned committee member brought up his concern regarding information that had been shared with him regarding drugs being present at Seneca High School. He also shared his concern that the drug dogs had not been to the school since the beginning of this current school year.

D. Student Services Audit.

Mr. Coughlin explained that the school administration will be reviewing all aspects of student services offered at Seneca High School. The goal will be to identify areas of strengths and needed improvements to continue to support all Seneca High School students.

E. Drug Testing Update.

Mr. Haines gave discipline committee an update on the school random drug testing policy. Mr. Haines again reviewed the procedures of the drug-testing program. He informed the committee that one student had refused the test, stating that he would be a positive result. Mr. Haines informed him that he would require an athletic suspension. The student elected to remove himself from the pool. Doing so, he gave up his opportunity to participate in any teams, clubs or activities at Seneca High School.

G. Other/Questions/Concerns

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary

3-21-18

Date