Minutes of Discipline Committee Meeting of Seneca High School Dist. 160, Seneca, IL

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on **September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Joe Johnson, Carrie Sulzburger, Ron Frye, Tiffany Biros, Sandy Deerhing, and Mark Giertz.

1. School Safety

Mr. Giertz went over dates and any issues doing the district's mandatory evacuation drills, bus drills, and tornado drills that we conducted in the fall. Mr. Sangston has the district set up for ALICE training for all staff during our Teachers' Institute Day on October 6. Students ran through drills effectively and respectfully during our first week of school and later were given videos on bus evacuation procedures, as well as, Lock down strategies during their SST.

2. SRO Update

Mr. Sangston was unable to attend so Mr. Giertz let the committee know about our new hire for security monitor, Mr. Brian Jahp, is working out great and students have welcomed him into the staff family. During our first Lockdown drill, staff were able to use our Crisis Go app to take attendance, communicate with each other, and where to move from room to room if necessary.

3. Athletics Updates

No new athletic updates-

4. <u>RISE</u>

Mr. Slutz and Mr. Adams are off to a great start for the 23-24 year with the RISE program. Students have received their ID cards according to their status (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Emerald or White) and had our first "perk" on Sept. 1 with Tropical Snow. Students were very appreciative of this and enjoyed getting a treat before the long weekend. Upcoming events are set

for October and then before Thanksgiving. RISE will be looking for a semester ending Gold status incentive to wrap up the first part of the year.

5. **Discipline Numbers** (Through 5 weeks of 1st quarter)

Mr. Giertz covered the top 5 offenses in discipline and reviewed all offenses that have occurred in the first 4 weeks this semester.

6. Bully Tip Line Allegation Sheet

Mr. Giertz covered the new spreadsheet for the ROE that Mr. Ursua created to keep track of the Bully Bounce tip line. This will keep a running record of notes taken and how communication was handled from each scenario.

7. Student Handbook Updates and Suggestions -

PE Dress Code update: This has gone well so far and students have been very responsible for bringing their SHS authorized shirts.

Social/Emotional Screening Update:

Starting Sept. 5, parents will have the opportunity to have their student screened for social and emotional services through SHS. Parents will also have the ability to 'opt' out their student but will need to sign the form stating so. Mrs. Leake, SHS Social Worker, and Mrs. Rockrohr, SHS Psychologist will be monitoring these steps and seeing students as needed.

8. 1st Quarter Mid-Term

Talked about eligibility, final exam exemption for all grade levels, and what discipline infractions keep you from being exempt on those exams. Discussed attendance being better to start the year off and we are in hopes that having the attendance piece as a part of the final exam exemption criteria, we will see better ADA throughout the year.

9. Freshman SSP Meeting/Curriculum Night

Discussed our good turn out again this year. Looked to match very closely the numbers from the past year. Parent participation was great and we hope that public relation continues to build. We had approximately 120-125 parents show up on SSP night. Parents were given the opportunity to discuss their students' classes, get short feedback from their teachers on upcoming topics, and have any questions answered if needed.

10. Questions or Concerns

No questions or concerns were asked at this time.

Adjournment - 6:39 P.M.

Board President

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