

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

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Joe Johnson & Mark Victor. Also present: Mike Coughlin, Jason Brockman, Steve Haines, George Lambole, Sean Poyner, SRO Ken Sangston, & Colette Warning.

### **A. School Safety**

SRO Sanston informed the committee on the school safety update. He shared that he had attended an ALICE training session this past fall. The school will be moving forward with appropriate training for faculty and staff during the upcoming Teacher's Institute in October. SRO Sangston spoke to the update with EOP in regards to the tornado/severe weather plans. He informed the committee that the safest place in the school was the Girl's locker-room. In order to increase the safety of students and staff, we will remove all students from East & West hallways during severe weather. All 2nd floor classes will relocate to the Girl's locker-room areas.

### **B. 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 no students from 101 total tests had tested positive during the 18-19 school year.

### **C. School opening & Class meetings.**

Mr. Coughlin reviewed the importance of the class meetings at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Voiles and Mr. Haines held meetings with each class during the week of 8/26 - 8/30. Overall, Mr. Coughlin reported that the school year is off to a positive start with pretty good student behavior.

### **D. 2017 - 2018 Student Handbook**

Mr. Coughlin shared that the 2019 - 2020 Student Handbook will be shared with the discipline committee members. 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 December 2018 & May 2019 supplements provided by Illinois Principals Association.

E. New legislation review

Mr. Coughlin reviewed the recent passing of HB 2627. This law is requiring notification or attempted notification of the parents or guardian of a student suspected of criminal activity. This attempt has to happen prior to detaining and questioning any student on school grounds about the suspected crime by a law enforcement officer or school resource officer. Mr. Coughlin and SRO Sangston are both very aware of the law and be sure to fully comply. However, this expectation does not apply to any questioning by the school administration.

F. Bully/Tip-line update

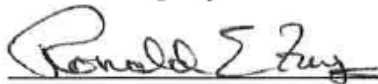
Mr. Coughlin reminded the committee that a recent review of the school's bullying policy was completed by the board of education. The board approved the policy, no significant changes, during the adoption at the December 2017 meeting. He mentioned the anonymous bully tip line that anyone can access from the school website to report any issues.

G. 18 - 19 Discipline Stats

Mr. Coughlin reviewed the discipline stats from the entire 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.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Board President



Board Secretary

9-18-19

Date