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

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on **March 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Joe Johnson, Ron Frye, Tiffany Biros, Sean Poyner, Luri Lorntz, Carrie Sulzberger, and Mark Giertz.

1. School Safety

Mr. Giertz went over dates and upcoming drills for our mandatory school safety drills. Mr. Sangston relayed that the 25-26 school year will be our full staff/district CRISIS management training during our October Institute Day. New staff and teachers will be fully trained in our CRISIS Go app and all facets that go along with it.

2. SRO Update

Mr. Sangston was unable to attend so Mr. Giertz let the committee know about the process of our Threat Assessment Committee and how often the team has met. Mr. Giertz let the committee know of how communications work with any major incidents and then how they get reported to the admin group for further discussions as a larger group.

3. <u>Athletics Updates</u>

Mr. Giertz opened up with comments on how well the SHS sports teams have been this year. Mr. Giertz discussed the numbers on discipline within those sports that revolved around suspensions or Code of Conduct violations.

4. RISE Update:

Mr. Giertz went over dates and activities that the RISE team put together this year for the students. We also discussed how discipline, attendance, and grades play a role in determining the students' participation. Students have shown a strong appreciation in the morning treats, the specially ordered lunches, and the upcoming field trips or "treat trucks" that will be coming in the spring.

 <u>Discipline Numbers</u> (Updated to Quarter 3) Mr. Giertz covered the offenses and referrals that have occurred in guarters 1-3. *The stats will be attached to these notes.

6. Building/Facilities

Mr. Giertz discussed with the committee about the success of our tournaments in the first year of the gym. We discussed the upcoming track, baseball and softball facilities updates and excitement with the athletes. We also talked about the upgrades to our hallway walls with new murals (Auditorium wall) and future talks with our Media Center and Science lab. Mr. Giertz talked with the committee that he can see an added excitement of students as they see new changes to the building and having a sense of pride with new "paint" on the walls.

<u>Clocks</u>

Mr. Giertz also gave an update on how well the clocks have worked this year and students are being observed checking out what time they have left to make it to classes. Tardies have seemed to be cut down and we hope to keep seeing this number decrease as the years go on.

7. Freshman SSP Meeting/Curriculum Night

Discussed our 2025 turn out again this year. Parent participation was good but we are looking into making some small changes to spark a better interest in participation. We had approximately 130 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. Upperclassmen were given the opportunity to ask questions about college, the FAFSA, and job trades.

8. **Questions or Concerns**

No questions or concerns were asked at this time.

Adjournment - 6:30 P.M.

Board President

March 19, 2025

Board Secretary

Date