

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

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on **September 4, 2024 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 Lorentz, 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 had teachers use the SST time on Thursday, August 22 to go over procedures and scenarios for conducting our lockdown drill. Students were very quick and cooperative during our lockdown drill on Friday, Aug. 23 and used the district's Crisis Go app during the procedure.

2. SRO Update

Mr. Sangston was unable to attend so Mr. Giertz let the committee know about our new hire for security monitor, Mr. Dan Sedlock, is working out great and students are already welcoming him into the Irish 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. Both the bus and building evacuation drills went smoothly with the help of MVK bus drivers assisting in the drill.

3. Athletics Updates

Mr. Giertz went over the new Code of Conduct violation 2 revision with the committee. We covered the new 25% automatic suspension rule put in place for any second offense by an athlete and that they can still do the "option" 2 selection but it will not get them out of season or game suspension completely.

4. RISE Update:

Mr. Giertz covered that Mr. Slutz has done a great job of lining up dates and events for the students this coming year. The Gold members will have perks to field trips, food trucks, and gift cards according to their attendance and grades. Mr. Slutz let the administration know that going away from the "card" status has helped in student morale and time it took to organize the cards and pass them out.

5. **Discipline Numbers** *(Through 4 weeks of 1st quarter)*

Mr. Giertz covered the top 4 offenses in discipline and reviewed all offenses that have occurred in the first 4 weeks this semester. Discipline referrals have been down overall and tardies have been extremely low for the start of the year. Mr. Giertz explained to the committee that the new digital countdown clocks have been a huge help in this. Last year's statistics for tardies at this point were 59 compared to this year's 33.

Top 5 Offenses:

- Tobacco
- Unexcused Absences
- Drug
- Disrespect in Classroom
- Tardies (33 total)

6. **New Clocks**

Mr. Giertz explained the success the new digital hallway clocks are having on helping to cut down on student tardiness. Mr. Giertz covered statistics of the tardies with the committee and compared those stats with the 23-24 school year's first 4 weeks.

7. **Cell Phone Policy Update**

The new policy is going great and the success with students, teachers, and parent feedback has been great. At this moment, we have had 0 cell phone referrals and only a couple of conversations needed with students about turning in their phone to our wall mounted phone holders.

8. **Freshman SSP Meeting/Curriculum Night**

Discussed our great turn out again this year. Parent participation was great and we hope that public relation continues to build. We had approximately 150 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. We did mix up the schedule a little this year with timeframe but will adjust that for next year giving parents more time for travel to their next class.


9. **Questions or Concerns**

No questions or concerns were asked at this time.

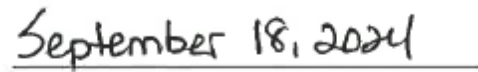
Adjournment - 6:26 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary



Date