

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

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on **March 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Joe Johnson, Elizabeth Thrun, Ron Frye, Tiffany Biros, Sandy Deerhing, Annalicia Johnson, Michelle Baudino 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 gave notes on the process of the Reunification Procedures have been established and will be reviewed with staff as we enter the upcoming fall school year.

2. SRO Update

Mr. Sangston was unable to attend so Mr. Giertz explained that next school year (23-24) we will be using our October TI day to fully certify staff on all facets of ALICE.

3. Athletics Updates

No new athletic updates-
Mr. O'Boyle was unable to attend and no new athletic guidelines were established this year in our Student Handbook.

4. RISE Cards/Update on Success

Mr. Slutz and Mr. Adams are off to a great start with the RISE program. Students have received their ID cards according to their status (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Emerald or White) and have a fun March 31 event set up for our Gold status members. We are approximately putting together at least one function per month with small things either in the morning or during lunch hour to go along with the bigger event hosted by RISE for all card holders. Example: Donut/hot chocolate items were given out according to your status.

5. Attendance Language - Unexcused/Excused

Any absence that is not excused by a guardian or parent for their student and marked **unexcused** in our school system, will have 48 hours to get proper documentation by a doctor or physician and approved by the administration for the absence to be excused.

We have put in place into our student handbook for the 23-24 school year a "reminder" that all absences that are not excused by a physician, parent will have 48 hours to get a doctors note for their student to not be put in the attendance list as unexcused which does not allow the student to make up work from that day. Below is a sample of the language being used for our Student Handbook next year.

6. Social/Emotional Screening

Mr. Giertz reported on a new part or criteria in the student handbook relating to Social and Emotional screening for all students starting in the 23-24 school year. Parents will have the opportunity to 'opt' their student out of this portion but will need to sign the form stating so. Mrs. Leake, SHS Social Worker, and Mrs. Rockrohr, SHS Psychologist feel that with the growing mental health days used by students, as well as, emotional sick days the district is seeing it would be beneficial for all students and parents to have this put in place if their child needs this screening done.

7. Student Parking Lot

Mr. Giertz briefly went over the new procedures to the upcoming parking congestion that may occur due to the gym construction starting in March. Mr. Giertz explained that staff and students will share spots throughout the parking lot until the spring of 2024 and the bussing routes will also become adjusted due to the closing of the east side parking lot.

8. Student Handbook Updates and Suggestions - *PE Dress Code

Mr. Giertz explained the new PE dress code going into effect with the 23-24 student handbook. Mr. Brungard, Mrs. Baxter, and Mr. Baker has created a criteria for students involving their new dress code and how

daily grades will be incorporated into this. Mr. Giertz read the handbook entry for this new policy and allowed the committee members to discuss and ask questions.

9. Discipline Numbers (Through 7 weeks of 3rd quarter)

Mr. Giertz went in detail on the number of discipline referrals thus far and fighting/disrespect, unexcused absences, and tardies are the top 3 offenses.

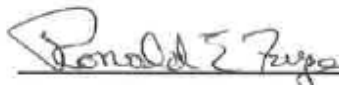
10. Freshman SSP Meeting

Discussed our good turn out compared to last year. Parent participation was great and we hope that public relation continues to build. We had approximately 125-130 parents show up on SSP night. Parents were given the opportunity to discuss their students' curriculum path, take the 5 Essential Survey, talk about success and struggles thus far in the year and enjoy a cookie on the way out.

11. Questions or Concerns?

No questions or concerns were asked at this time.

Adjournment - 6:47 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary

3-15-23

Date