

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

A meeting of the Discipline Committee was held on **September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Joe Johnson, Ron Frye, Tiffany Biros, Sandy Deerhing, Sean Poyner, Annalicia Johnson, Michelle Baudino and Mark Giertz

A. School Safety-

Mr. Sangston was unable to attend so Mr. Giertz explained in detail our ALICE training and the set up we are taking to inform our students and new staff members (Ag Dept, Hallway Monitors, Paraprofessionals, and new Administrative Assistant). Mr. Giertz went over dates of drills and ones that we still have yet to conduct this school year. Mr. Giertz reported that our bus, first fire drill, our evacuation drill and upcoming Reunification Drill are all in place and prepared for.

B. School Eligibility Report-

Mr. O'Boyle was unable to attend so Mr. Giertz explained that our eligibility guidelines have been in place now for 4 weeks and we have had our first eligibility run with the new guidelines (2 F's). Students will have three "strikes" on the eligibility list before being dismissed from their extracurricular team. Thursdays' at 3:00 PM is now our "cut-off day" for teachers to get all grades accounted for so Mr. O'Boyle has time to inform students, coaches, and parents if we have ineligible players.

C. Unexcused/Excused Absences-

ISBE is granting students 5 mental health days still due to COVID related absences and guidelines. With COVID numbers way down, we are seeing less sick students out (ADA is up) and number of unexcused absences are also down due to running disciplinary actions a little differently this year.

D. RISE

Mr. Giertz explained our new student incentive plan and how Mr. Adams and Mr. Slutz have taken off and run with this. Students have been treated to an early dismissal day for great attendance, a pancake breakfast, tee-shirt drawings and many future incentives to come. Students will be given ID Cards soon which will represent their "status" and prizes they can now enjoy. Mr. Giertz showed the

poster Mr. Adams and Mr. Slutz created to give students a visual of what levels are represented.

E. Bully/Tip-Line Update-

Mr. Giertz explained that our Bully Tip Line is still being used. On an average of once or twice a month at this point. Most remain anonymous which can make it difficult to help out the situation but there have been others that we are able to investigate in aiding students in times of need (being picked on vs. being bullied)

F. Student Handbook-

Mr. Giertz explained that our new "Student Absence from school" and not allowing an athlete or non-athlete to attend school for an activity, has been effective with letting students know if they are late (after 11:30 for getting to school) or leave before noon due to an illness or non-approved appointment, they will not be able to attend after school activities. We are also looking into the idea of joining eligibility with social gatherings as well (Homecoming/Prom)

G. 22-23 Discipline Stats- (Through 4 weeks)

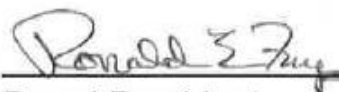
Mr. Giertz went in detail on the number of discipline referrals thus far and cell phones, unexcused absences, and tardies are the top 3 offenses. Vaping is still an occurrence but with the addition to Halos in our locker room, that has cut down as well.

H. Freshman SSP Meeting and Curriculum Night- Discussed our good turn out compared to last year. Parent participation was great and we hope that public relation continues to build.

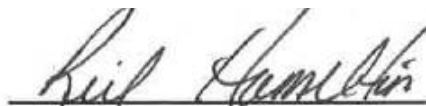
I. Questions or Concerns?

No questions or concerns were asked at this time.

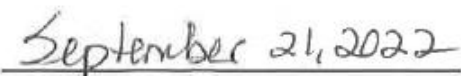
J. Adjournment- 6:32 P.M.



Board President



Board Secretary



Date