Committee Members Present:
Ms. Joy Maloney, Committee Chair
Mrs. Debbie Rose
Mrs. Jill Turgeon

Additional School Board and Staff Members Present: Eric Hornberger, Mary Kealy, Clark Bowers, John Lody, Brian Stocks, Erin Goodykoontz, Loree Winslow, Angel Sager

1. Approval of Draft Minutes
Debbie Rose made the motion to approve the Draft Minutes from the April 26, 2018, Student Support and Services Committee meeting. The motion was approved 2-0-1 (Mrs. Turgeon abstained).

2. Public Comment
Amy Dunne spoke regarding playground policy
Cory Brunet spoke regarding policy 8-13
Shye Gilad spoke regarding policy 8-13
Nancy Yu spoke regarding policy 8-13

3. Playground Policy
Mr. Brian Stocks, Director, Support Services

Brian Stocks, Director for the Office of Support Services presented the item. Mr. Stocks noted that currently LCPS has an approval process for playgrounds that includes staff from Risk Management, Safety and Security and Support Services. A new playground request from Newton Lee Elementary challenged current guidelines. In conjunction with Mr. Eric Hornberger a draft playground policy was created. Mr. Stocks explained that the policy is not to take the place of the guidelines currently in place, although may be superseded by regulation. Mr. Hornberger explained the importance of the policy since the process of how playgrounds are obtained has changed. Playgrounds were all commonly funded through parent groups, however, new schools include playgrounds in their construction. Since LCPS manages the construction of the playgrounds, regardless of funding, the policy is necessary. Mr. Hornberger called attention to A. 2. of the draft policy and shared it provided guidelines for safety. Mr. Hornberger explained that the fall height determination is based on the depth of the mulch in relationship to the height of the equipment that allows for variation. He noted A.4. of the draft policy provides for standards for the determination of the maximum fall height. Mrs. Rose questioned who was responsible for the maintenance of the playgrounds and how they were maintained. Mr. Stocks answered that each playground is reviewed on a case by case basis, however, since an installed playground is considered and asset of LCPS, Facility Services was responsible for the maintenance of playgrounds. He also noted that Safety and Security did inspections of the playgrounds and school staff were tasked to provide on-going checks and report any issues to Facility Services. Mrs. Rose expressed that current playgrounds seem to be too conservative and not fun. She would like to see more inclusive playgrounds. Mrs. Turgeon
questioned what latitude is given regarding interactive type playgrounds and if the restriction in place for swings, seesaws, etc. weren’t too restrictive. Discussion occurred between the Committee members regarding lines 29 and 30 of page 1 in regard to swings, seesaws and merry-go-rounds and why those specific items were noted within policy. Mrs. Maloney questioned if line 29 and 30 should be put in a regulation and not in policy. Mr. Hornberger explained that the items listed in lines 29 and 30 were necessary to remain in the policy as a set standard. Mrs. Rose asked if staff could provide statistics for injuries and the frequency of injury due to swings, seesaws and merry-go-rounds. Mr. Stocks noted that obtaining statistics within LCPS would be challenging due to the fact the equipment in question is not permitted. He offered that staff would get back to the Committee regarding statistics. Discussion continued between the Committee about changing the wording in lines 29 and 30 of page 1. Mrs. Turgeon asked to see equipment definitions for swings, seesaws and merry-go-rounds and questioned how that equipment would be categorized. Mrs. Maloney recommended the following edit to the wording in lines 29 and 30 of page 1: Equipment with a high frequency for injuries such as: swings, seesaws and merry-go-round-type are not permitted on playgrounds at LCPS facilities. Upon further Committee discussion, Mrs. Rose made a motion to move the draft Playground Policy to the full Board, as an information item, as it was presented to the Committee with no changes. Mrs. Turgeon seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0.

4. **Proposed Pupil Services Policy Revisions, Chapters 5 & 8:**

Pupil Services Staff

Dr. Mary Kealy, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services, highlighted the 2nd review of Policy 8110. Dr. Kealy explained that the Department of Pupil Services certainly took careful consideration of all input in combining policies 8-12, 8-14 and 8-18 in an effort to streamline the policies. Dr. Kealy also made it clear that students under age 22 do not pay tuition, saying we do not want tuition to be a barrier. Dr. Clark Bowers, Director, Student Services, explained that 47 waivers were submitted by Principals and that it is a challenge for a student to complete more than 8 credits in a school year and a summer. Mrs. Rose noted that the regulations give all authority to principals to make the decision regarding an age waiver and asked if the decision is given to administrators as well. Dr. Bowers explains that the school counselor will provide the recommendation in collaboration with the principal, who knows their students, and will ensure the waivers are submitted. Dr. Kealy noted that a compliance review by Pupil Services is based on the information provided by the principals. Ms. Maloney expressed her concern regarding adding a grandfathering clause for certain students and discussed the information in Policy 8110 on line 54 that references Policy 8115, questioning the word may be provided enrollment instead of will be provided enrollment free of charge. Dr. Kealy explained that the information added was taken from the State Code. Mrs. Rose expressed that the need for grandfathering will go away. Mrs. Turgeon agrees with Mrs. Rose, noting her concern for the future and does not want to write policy for two students. Ms. Turgeon also asked what the process is for the 1 or 2 students at this point. Dr. Bower explains as it is right now, they would meet with the counseling directors and principals. Ms. Jennifer Ferrance, Coordinator, Welcome Center, explained how the students would come to the center where an assessment would be completed and a recommendation would be completed at that time. Ms. Teresa Vignaroli, Supervisor, English Learners, also explained that these students may also utilize summer programs. Ms. Maloney’s concern is that there are not enough options for the 20-22 year old students and the benefits of having them stay in high school would outweigh any concern of older students at the school. Mrs. Turgeon added that Pathways to Graduation is an option for these students. Ms. Maloney wanted to make sure that a conversation takes place with current 9th grade students who may have more than 8 credits left when they turn 20, Dr. Bowers assured her that counselors are already meeting with students to discuss their options. Mr. Hornberger stated that these two policies should be combined and change the name to Enrollment Policy, and also noted the sections on foreign exchange student was added a decade ago to enrich the county and asked what Loudoun County is gaining at this point to keep that in the policy. Mrs. Rose also recommended combining the two policies. Ms. Maloney stated she will send a draft and would recommend bringing the policy back to the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.