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

Additional School Board and Staff Members Present: Mary Kealy, Clark Bowers, John Lody, Brian Stocks, Jeannie Kloman, Melanie Stephenson

1. Approval of Draft Minutes
   Mrs. Turgeon made the motion to approve the Draft Minutes from the May 24, 2018, Student Support and Services Committee meeting. The motion was approved 2-0, 1 absent.

2. Public Comment
   Cory Brunet spoke regarding Policy 8115
   Nancy Yu spoke regarding Policy 8115

3. Proposed Pupil Services Policy Revisions, Chapters 5 & 8:
   Mr. John Lody, Director, Diagnostic and Prevention Services, discussed an alternate version of the Threat Assessment For The Protection Of Schools Policy 8290. Mr. Lody clarified the change in language between “individuals” and “students”. He explained it was important to note almost every word is aligned with Virginia Code. Line 28-34 addressed Mr. DeKenipp’s question from the School Board meeting. Mr. Lody stated that we worked with Mr. Stephen DeVita, Division Counsel, to identify in the policy specific “individuals” who may pose a threat to school safety. Under Section B, it is required by Virginia Code that the threat assessment team is to immediately report its determination to the Superintendent or designee who is then to notify the student’s parents. The language was changed to identify the Principal as the designee for the Superintendent for this policy for the purpose of contacting the parent. Mr. Lody met with Dr. Kim Hough, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Talent Development (HRTD), to discuss the regulations related to employees who make threats. Ms. Maloney asked for clarification from the last version. Mr. Lody noted that section A3 attempted to outline new wording. Mrs. Turgeon asked, in line 48, who would be the designee for the principal. Mr. Lody confirmed that the Assistant Principal will typically carry out these duties. Mrs. Turgeon wanted clarification regarding the School Resource Officer on line 35 of the regulation and what it means. Mr. Lody explained that the School Resource Officers are assigned to all high schools and middle schools and assist the elementary schools within these clusters as needed. Mr. Brian Stocks, Director, Support Services, confirmed this information and added that each year they will look to expand these supports. This is a multi-year process and has been proposed as a budget initiative this year. Mrs. Turgeon asked what would happen if the threat occurred on a school bus or off school property/off site. Mr. Lody noted that on or off school property school teams will assess any threat to school staff or students and involve law enforcement as required.
Ms. Maloney asked to add a reference to the regulation on line 23 of the policy, change “Determination” on line 44 to “Notification of Student Threats”, and add line 13-15 from regulation to the end of line 51 in the policy. Ms. Maloney moved to send to School Board, as amended. The motion was approved 2-0, 1 absent.

Dr. Clark Bowers, Director, Student Services, discussed School Counseling Services – Elementary, Middle, and High School, Policy 5040. Dr. Bowers explained that the counseling service has changed over the years and the regulation will address these changes with a focus on academic development. We have removed old language on line 45, which was already our practice and the last page which is described by HRTD in the job description. Information added to line 96 defined what notification would look like and Line 128 is part of Virginia Code. Mrs. Turgeon inquired if the Welcome Center needed to be define in the regulation. Dr. Kealy commented that the regulation is specific to school counseling. Mrs. Tugeon asked, if parents are made aware that 18-year old students can make selections. Dr. Bowers explained that Dr. Tracy Jackson, Supervisor, School Counseling Services, is creating a document for that purpose. Mrs. Turgeon moved to send to School Board, as amended. The motion was approved 2-0, 1 absent.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.