Committee Members Present:
Mr. Tom Marshall, Ms. Debbie Rose, School Board
Virginia C. Patterson, Ph.D., Director, Office of School Administration

Staff Present:
Renee Dawson, Stacee Huffer, Stefanie LaPolla, Cynthia Lewis, John Lody, Suzanne Petersen, Elizabeth Robinson, Melissa Sargeant, Anaid Shaver, David Spage, Ryan Tyler, Jennifer Wall

I. Call to order
   The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

II. Public Comment
   None

III. Minutes – Review and Approval
   The February 27, 2017 Minutes were approved.

IV. Input about Policy §8-37, Tobacco/Electronic Cigarettes
   Ms. Holley Tillman, YStreet For A Healthier Virginia, and Broad Run High School students Zainab Bhatti and Bella Holley

   The student representatives, with Ms. Tillman, presented information about the YStreet program funded by the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. The program has a goal of creating 100% tobacco and e-cigarette free Virginia schools. Group discussion involved the current level of cigarette and tobacco use within LCPS among students, and in the use of devices for vaping. Additionally, the broad reach of such a proposed program in LCPS could ultimately include adults and visitors to schools, off-site events where adults are present and designated smoking areas may exist, creating issues with enforceability and legality. Ms. Tillman indicated that the program focus is upon students and the
articulation of policy through posted communication. The committee would continue to be in touch and utilize this group as a resource.

V. Review Policies §8-35, Alcohol, §8-36, Drugs and §8-37 Tobacco/Electronic Cigarettes
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Edits made by staff created one succinct policy for dealing with substance use infractions and dispositions. The edits also aligned codes with state laws while recognizing current trends.

The committee discussed current trends including synthetic drugs and ways to refine language that captures methods of delivery. Specifically in the case of tobacco and e-cigarettes/vapes, citing methods of delivery would be a way to encompass future devices.

The distinction between a drug violation and a medication violation were discussed. Medical violations are covered in the School Rights and Responsibilities handbook. A student’s health plan dictates those instances where students need to carry, for example, an inhaler or an epi-pen.

Regarding the policy’s prohibition of publications and printed matter that advocate the use of drugs, committee members proposed looking to other school divisions for examples of how this prohibition is currently being handled with regard to clothing. The intent of reviewing printed publications or printed matter is to capture the very obvious, blatant examples of images that promote drug use. Dr. Patterson indicated that the dress code will be forthcoming for the committee to review and this is an opportunity to address the expectations of publication and printed materials on clothing.

VI. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.