Committee Members Present: Ms. Debbie Rose, Ms. Brenda Sheridan, Ms. Joy Maloney

Staff: Virginia C. Patterson, Ph.D., Ms. Suzanne Fitzgerald

Audience Attendees: Mr. Michael Pierson, Mr. Derek Farrey, Ms. Melissa Sargeant

Public Present: None

I. Public Comment. None given

II. Approval of minutes. Minutes for the Discipline Committee meeting of May 23, 2018 were approved 3-0-0-0 without additions or revisions.

III. Discussion of Deletion of §8-29, Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities

During the May 23, 2018, Open/Public meeting of the Discipline Committee, the committee perceived the need to step away from §8-29, Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities as an individual policy and look at it in the overall context of student activities.

After further review, and upon receiving feedback from colleagues, principals and division counsel, it is determined appropriate to combine the separate School Board policies that currently address student activities.

IV. Review: Policy §8-48, Student Activities (Proposed Policy 8350)

Discussion then moved to the process of incorporating §8-29 into §8-48, Student Activities (Proposed Policy 8350) to create a policy that is concise, understandable and accessible to the LCPS community. The Discipline Committee will recommend to the full School Board the adoption of Proposed Policy 8350 while deleting current policies §8-29 and §8-48 once the full review and incorporation process has been completed.

- The restructuring and revision put forth in Proposed Policy 8350 emphasizes the importance of participation in sports and other school-sponsored activities
as well as the benefits derived from these activities.

- Communication to students and families of the rules that govern this participation is also essential. This current committee discussion does not change any policies and practices at place in the division’s schools for the opening of the 2018-2019 school year.

- Dr. Patterson and Ms. Rose worked to format the Proposed Policy 8350 for readability. The policy now has three main sections: VHSL, co-curricular and non-curricular.

- Within each section, a definition, eligibility criteria and the rationale for exclusion are provided. The VHSL component is the only section to have an appeal process.

1. Section A, Virginia High School League (VHSL) the committee worked to make the language more inclusive to various VHSL organizations and to balance that with the need for student and parent understanding:
   - Line 18: “and non-athletic competition” was added to the definition to encompass a wider scope of activities.
   - Line 29: “VHSL activities including but not limited to” precedes the current list of activities
   - Line 31: “students” replaces the word “athletes”
   - Line 36 “...revoked from athletics...” changed to “...revoked from VHSL activities...” added to clarify that activities under VHSL are handled by the AD of the school.

2. Section B. Co-curricular activities

   - School-sponsored activities were included in the co-curricular group. The Discipline Committee chair noted that in these activities, LCPS can set behavior parameters and the school division is a participant in the exclusion of a student for their behaviors. Further, we do have LCPS staff as liaisons, coaches, and sponsors.

   - As these activities contrast to VHSL activities that require more from the students in terms of participation and have more at risk, the level of appeal to the School Board is not present for co-curricular activities.

3. Section C. Non-Curricular Activities
• For these activities, which are initiated by student interest and are student led, the organization controls its membership and is not sponsored by the school. These groups still need to comply with School Board Policy as such policy applies to all students. For example, discipline policies are still in force and due process is still present under the respective discipline policy.

4. The committee discussed and reviewed the overall alignment of different organizations into either co-curricular or non-curricular. The terms stipends, sponsors and classes/class credit were discussed and it was noted that nomenclature and practice could differ from one school to another.

5. The committee discussed the use of the term eligibility throughout the proposed policy and specifically relating to a non-curricular club with eligibility as the ability for the club to exist and to use the school buildings. And explored the key differences between co-curricular and non-curricular activities.

**ACTION:** The Discipline Committee will bring Proposed Policy 8350 back to the Open/Public meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 for continued discussion and refinement.

V. **§8-30, Corporal Punishment Prohibited** will also be addressed at the August 22, 2018 meeting.

VI. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. The next Open/Public meeting of the Discipline Committee is Wednesday, August 22, 2018 in Room 100A beginning at 5:30 p.m.