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

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

Audience Attendees: Mr. Derek Farrey, Dr. Ryan Tyler, Mr. John Lody, Stephen L. DeVita, Esq., Mrs. Nereida Gonzalez-Sales

Public Present: None

I. Mrs. Rose - Remote Participation
Mrs. Rose, Committee Chair was not in attendance and participated remotely by phone. She attested to the reason for participating remotely from Princeton, NJ and that she was alone during the meeting. The vote was 2-0-0-0 to proceed with Mrs. Rose participating by phone. Ms. Sheridan noted for the record that this is Mrs. Rose’s first remote participation for this calendar year for the Discipline Committee.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of minutes. Minutes for the Discipline Committee meeting of June 27, 2018 were approved 3-0-0-0 without additions or revisions.

IV. Continued Discussion and Refinement of Policy §8-48, Student Activities (Proposed Policy 8350) and discussion of deletion of §8-29, Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities, §8-46, Middle and High School Dances, §8-47, Student Council Association, and §8-60, Noncurriculum Related Student Groups, with incorporation into Proposed Policy 8350.

1. Discussion then moved to the process of refining §8-48, Student Activities (Proposed Policy 8350) and incorporating several current policies into this policy for clarity. Policies to be incorporated are §8-29, Exclusion from Extracurricular Activities, §8-46, Middle and High School Dances, §8-47, Student Council Association, and §8-60, Noncurriculum Related Student Groups. Edits made by committee and staff for clarification included:

   - Section A, 2. Line item 27 - A request was made by Ms. Rose to strike the language of the preceding paragraph and then insert in as set forth by VHSL. Ms. Rose noted that the preceding paragraph no longer contained the
information as indicated. The committee noted that not all VHSL activities are covered by a handbook with a signature. Rules governing exclusion are covered by VHSL Guidelines. Principals do sign a master eligibility agreement indicating that students do follow the VHSL guidelines. Guidelines have been created and agreed upon by principals that parallel athletic rules.

- Section A, 4. Line item 43 – possible addition of the words by email were discussed with email being an option due to the tight turnaround time required for a response to an appeal made by a parent/guardian. The discussion then examined whether email would exclude some parents and students. Additionally, how do we ensure that emails are received by parents/guardians? It was decided that the language shall be informed promptly in writing will remain.

- Section B, 3. Line item 87 – proposed addition of: Staff sponsors will inform the principal of the student’s removal from the activity for a final determination. A committee member wished to add this language to clarify the steps and this language reflect current practice per staff.

2. The committee discussed language referring to access and building use for clarity and applicability and to include all levels addressed in Section C., 3, line 122:

- Current language notes use for the High School level. Committee members wanted a greater understanding of the Accessibility Act. Mr. DeVita informed the committee that another Act within the Commonwealth includes access for elementary and middle school levels. Mr. DeVita will provide language regarding access for elementary and middle school as well.

- Language regarding building usage to be removed as this policy is not involved when granting access to outside agencies.

**ACTION:** The Discipline Committee voted 3-0-0-0 to put forth Proposed Policy 8350 to the full School Board as an information item after the recommended revisions are completed by staff.

**V. §8-30, Corporal Punishment Prohibited**
The committee voted 3-0-0-0 to move §8-30, Corporal Punishment Prohibited (Proposed Policy 8235) to the Legislative and Policy Committee for discussion and renumbering.

**VI. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. The next Open/Public meeting of the Discipline Committee is Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in Room 100A beginning at 5:30 p.m.