Committee Members Present: Ms. Debbie Rose, Ms. Brenda Sheridan, Mr. Tom Marshall (Mr. Marshall was absent due to a prior commitment as the Chairman of the HRTD Committee of the School Board.)

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

Audience Attendees: Ms. Neri Gonzalez-Sales, Stacee Huffer, Mr. John Lody, Ms. Melissa Sargeant, Mr. Neil Slevin, Dr. Ryan Tyler

Public Present: None

I. Approval of Minutes. Minutes for the September 27, 2017 meeting were approved 2-0-0-1. (Mr. Marshall was absent due to a prior commitment as the Chairman of the HRTD Committee of the School Board.)

II. Public Comment. None given.

III. Proposed Policy 8215, In-School Disciplinary Measures

1. Proposed Policy 8215 (former §8-26) – In-School Disciplinary Measures. Dr. Virginia Patterson highlighted the background, intent and key elements of the proposed policy. Proposed Policy 8215 is an alignment to Loudoun County Public Schools’ restructured policies and represents a joint effort of principals, assistant principals, deans, level directors, cabinet, and Division Counsel.
   - The Introduction to proposed Policy 8215 articulates the intent to use fair practices, and incorporates intervention and goal setting. By design, the policy begins with restorative practices and progresses in severity of consequences with ultimately the principal or designee (assistant principal or dean) removing a student from class.
   - A referral of a student by a teacher will note previous behaviors addressed, prior interventions used and dates of any previous infractions.
   - Staff changed Reprimand and Counseling to Intervention and Counseling (Section A.) as this reflects the support given to students who commit infractions as well as to those impacted. By utilizing restorative dialog, a student committing an infraction may understand the impact of his/her behavior.
• Licensed employees receive professional development at the District level and through school-based professional development.
• The committee discussed detention in terms of its definition, length of time and the location for detention as well as parent notification.
• Assistant Principals in attendance related specific practices within their schools in response to the questions of Discipline Committee members - options for before school, lunch and after school detention are ways to accommodate parents. Also, schools calibrate their decisions and the LCPS School Board is authorized to determine the maximum length of time for detention.
• **Procedural Requirements for Notice** (Section I.) is changed to **Field Trip Notification** accurately describing what is put forth in this section of the policy.
• Committee members asked for information regarding the ability to appeal the denial of bus transportation; what is the history – are hardship or equity issues concerning access to school involved? Should the ability to appeal the denial of bus transportation be eliminated in order to bring Section H in line with the other sections of Policy 8215?

**ACTION:** The Committee will invite a representative from Transportation Services to share the background to the appeal of denial of school bus transportation. The Committee will also incorporate changes noted tonight and re-visit this policy at their November meeting.

**IV. Policy Review, 8205 (Extent of School Authority, former 8-1.)**

The Committee reviewed the policy and discussed. Dr. Patterson explained that this was a renumbering only and cabinet and legal counsel had vetted the policy without any recommendations for change. The policy is directly from the Code of Virginia.

**ACTION:** The Committee voted 2-0-0-1 to recommend proposed Policy 8205, **Extent of School Authority**, to the full School Board for consideration at the next regular meeting. (Mr. Marshall was absent due to a prior commitment as the Chairman of the HRTD Committee of the School Board.)

**V. Time Change for Discipline Committee Open Meetings.** The committee will examine a new meeting day and time based upon current committee member obligations.

**VI. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.