MINUTES
November 28, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Administration Building, 100A

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

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

Audience Attendees: Ms. Shena Brown, Mr. Kirk Dolson, Mr. Derek Farrey, Ms. Elizabeth Foster, Mr. Doug Fulton, Ms. Robin Kim, Mr. John Lody, Mr. Michael Pierson, Ms. Beth Robinson

Public Present: None

I. Public Comment: None

II. Approval of minutes. Minutes for the Discipline Committee meeting of October 24, 2018 were approved 3-0-0-0 without additions or revisions.

III. Continued Discussion of Policy §8-48, Student Activities (Proposed Policy 8350) to include proposed 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.

Ms. Rose commented that staff has worked diligently utilizing the input of the School Board to refine the version of Proposed Policy 8350 being discussed this evening.

Dr. Patterson described how the draft changes reflect refinements that have been made for clarity and consistency and led a discussion examining each of the components of Proposed Policy 8350.

1. The proposed policy provides an introduction, three defined categories of activities: interscholastic sports, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Also delineated are eligibility and rules of conduct and how a student may be excluded from participation in each of the three areas of activities.

   • Dr. Patterson referenced Line 3 which is now notated as “interscholastic, co-
The definitions for Interscholastic Activities, Co-Curricular Activities and Extra-Curricular Activities provide examples of various activities within the levels; these lists are not exhaustive.

- Interscholastic Activities are offered by LCPS, competitively or otherwise to a student outside of the regular school day or program; examples include: sports teams, theatre, debate, forensics and yearbook.
- Co-curricular Activities are optional and are an extension of the regular education offerings; examples include: National Honor Society, Student Council Association, Science Fair, Lego Robotics, Battle of the Books, middle and high school dances, marching band, color guard performances or festivals.
- Extra-curricular Activities are not a part of the regular educational offerings. They are generally special interest groups organized by students and overseen by school staff; examples include: political, religious, community service or recreational.

Eligibility is given for each of the three levels.

- Participation in interscholastic activities is determined by the Virginia High School League which establishes standards for school activities and competitions (athletic and/or non-athletic).
- Eligibility to participate in co-curricular activities is determined by each school and in compliance with requirements established by regional, state, or national organizations if such exist. Co-curricular activities are open to all students.
- Extra-curricular Activities must be approved by the principal of the school with guidelines for membership and participation to include compliance with the Equal Access Act (line 71).

Dr. Patterson also highlighted the addition of language within Extra-curricular Activities, Access in line 82 (cross reference to current School Board Policies 8-11, and 8115) that includes student participation as it relates to home instruction.

In Section C., the rules governing conduct of participation and discipline actions are listed for Interscholastic and Co-curricular as well as extracurricular Activities. Student participation is subject to reasonable rules of conduct and disciplinary action may range from conferences with school staff and the student/parents to dismissal from participation. This section also covers notification or students and parents, and the decision of the principal is final and not appealable.

2. Changes made this evening by the committee were in section C. Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action with minor changes to language:
• Line 89 was changed from “...conferences among school staff...” to “...conferences with school staff...” for clarity.

• Line 92 was edited to delete “training” and Line 93 edited to delete “high school” so that the text reads “Students shall comply with the rules and regulations for participating in student activities.” as this is consistent with the language used in Line 87.

3. The Supervisor of Athletics and the Supervisor of Fine Arts are utilizing the framework from the LCPS Athletic Handbook along with survey responses from school principals and assistant principals to develop a student activities handbook, in line with Proposed Policy 8350 with consistent disciplinary measures extended to students across co-curricular and all activities. A committee member asked that Proposed Policy 8350 go forward to the School Board coupled with this handbook.

**ACTION:** The Discipline Committee voted 3-0-0-0 to recommend to the full School Board the adoption of Proposed Policy 8350, *Student Activities*, as amended by the committee. The proposed policy will be an Information Item at the January 8, 2019 School Board meeting.

IV. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. The next Open/Public meeting of the Discipline Committee is to be determined.