Committee Members: Ms. Brenda Sheridan and Ms. Jill Turgeon, School Board

I. Public Comment
   None

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes for September 28, 2016 approved, 2-0 with Brenda Sheridan abstaining.

III. Mr. Lody presented information regarding the Discipline, Crime and Violence report for last year. The committee examined referral data and follow up within our school system.

IV. A Discipline Committee Update - Bringing it to the Classrooms was presented to the committee by Ms. Cynthia Lewis. Compared to referrals to law enforcement for the Commonwealth of Virginia, LCPS is low and trending downward. Discipline Disproportionality team members shared that PBIS practices are implemented in the classrooms. Though disproportionality still exists, the current access to PBIS data enables schools to work toward their goals by utilizing data for the entire school as well as data for individual classrooms. Data impacts individualized teacher training and the school’s overall approach to inclusive practices. Also, using the tiered approach to dispositions explained in the LCPS Discipline Handbook for school administrators helps schools focus on keeping students in school when possible.

V. Proposed changes to School Board Discipline Policies 8-35, Alcohol and 8-36, Drugs were reviewed. Primary issues: the loss of student instructional time at the home school and alignment between the two policies. Currently, the students being suspended and then assigned to SAEP are out of the classroom at least 40 days. Suggested changes would reduce the total to 20 days out of school. It was put forth that the SAEP program could be accomplished within the proposed shorter amount of time. Committee unanimously agreed that the policy language can be changed and that the contents of the 10-day program will continue to be explored.
VI. Next scheduled public meeting is January 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. will be held in Room 500 of the Administration Building.

In attendance:
Bowers, Clark, Director Student Services
Folta, Jodi, visitor
Gonzalez-Sales, Nereida, Director of High School Education
Huffer, Stacee, Assistant Principal, Stone Bridge High School
Lani, Daniel, Assistant Principal, Evergreen Mill Elementary School
Lewis, Cynthia, Assistant Principal, Smart’s Mill Middle School
Lewis, Janet, Assistant Principal, Dominion Trail Elementary School
Lody, John, Director of Diagnostic and Preventative Services
Martin, Justin, Assistant Principal, Tuscarora High School
Patterson, Virginia, Director of School Administration
Petersen, Suzanne, Student Support Supervisor
Rose, Debbie, School Board Member, Algonkian District
Shaver, Anaid, School Counseling Specialist
Sheridan, Brenda, School Board Member, Blue Ridge District
Tyler, Ryan, Research Supervisor
Wall, Jennifer, Supervisor, Student Assistance Programs