Committee Members Present:
Teresa Cambetes, Yvette Castro-Green, Mark Crowley, Nereida Gonzalez-Sales, Cliff Hanger, Kim Jackson, John Lody, Edwin Lucas, Tom Marshall, Sylvia Ross, David Spage, Sharon Tropf, Ryan Tyler, Lindsey Wilson, Ned Waterhouse, Steve DeVita

Teresa Cambetes reviewed the expectations of the committee for the remaining meetings.

Ryan Tyler presented a data update.

The committee broke into group work sessions from 6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. The committee then reconvened and recommendations were presented.

Group Item Number: A.2
Presenter: Tom Marshall
Action: Failed (6-6-1)
Recommendation: Recommend that the school discipline process provides for an unbiased, trained resource (Guidance Counselor, Parent Liaison) to students who are recommended for long-term suspension or expulsion in order to ensure an understanding of the disciplinary requirements, educational supports available, and appeal rights. This resource will be available to attend all informational meetings between the school administration and the student and their guardian, as well as disciplinary hearings. The coordination of the resource will be facilitated through the school Guidance Department.

Group Item Number: A.3
Presenter: Tom Marshall
Action: Deferred
Recommendation: Upon completion of a disciplinary appeal in which the outcome was to modify the disciplinary action, the School Board Discipline Committee shall consider the disciplinary disposition of other students involved in the same incident. At that time, the Discipline Committee may choose to also modify the disciplinary disposition of the other students involved but who did not formally appeal.

Group Item Number: A.4
Presenter: Tom Marshall
Action: Passed (12-1)
Recommendation: Recommend review and revision of Policy 8-27, Section B, Grounds for Removal from School. Policy 8-27 lacks specificity in item 22 (Disruptive Behavior), item 23 (Other good and just cause), and item 24 (other sufficient cause). Recommend that item 22 provide definitions of Disruptive Behaviors and item 23 be removed.
Group Item Number: A.5
Presenter: Tom Marshall
Action: Passed (11-0-2)
Recommendation: School based administrators shall meet bi-annually (at the start and end of the school year) with senior staff to review disciplinary procedures, discipline data and statistics, and recommendations. Principals shall receive written guidelines and directives that include, in part, the directive that school based administrators are encouraged to consider “intent” when making recommendations for student long-term suspensions and expulsions. Consideration should also be given when no harm was done to person or property and when no indication of harm was intended or anticipated.

Group Item Number: C.2
Presenter: Yvette Castro-Green
Action: Deferred
Recommendation: Conduct an investigation to identify the important indicators/metrics for implementing and measuring effective discipline policy.

Group Item Number: D.1
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (13-0-0)
Recommendation: Provide a school based report and analysis of disaggregate discipline data to school administrators. Administrators shall evaluate the data and trends and include in their formal School Improvement Plan strategies to reduce over representations of minority and disabled students among students who are assigned a disciplinary consequence.

Group Item Number: D.2
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (9-2)
Recommendation: Establish a special committee to continue work on the evaluation and elimination of disparities and/or disproportionalities in LCPS school discipline. The committee will evaluate the multi facets of the issue, examine data and trends, review other jurisdictions’ policies, and develop recommendations. The committee should include professional educator, special education specialist, minority group representative, and member of the community. In creating the committee, the charge must define specific goals and timelines.

Future Meeting Dates
May 16, 2013 (6:00 – 8:00) Room 100-B
May 30, 2013 (6:00 – 8:00) Room 100-B

Task Force Completion Date:
June 2013