Committee Members Present:

Group Item Number: C.2
Presenter: Sherri Robinson
Action: Passed (13-0-0)
Recommendation: Identify the critical metrics that should be collected and evaluated by all schools for implementing effective discipline policy. Ensure consistency of data collection and discipline/consequence implementation across schools.

Group Item Number: A.6
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (12-0-1)
Recommendation: Recommend that School Board direct the administration to publish a FAQ document about the Loudoun School disciplinary processes. The LCPS FAQ may serve as a supplement to the Virginia Department of Education’s guide “A Parent’s Guide to Understanding Student Discipline Policies and Practices in Virginia Schools”.

Group Item Number: A.7
Presenter: Silvia Ross
Action: Passed (9-3-1)
Recommendation: Recommend that the LCPS School Discipline Policy be modified to include a provision for Self-Defense. The provision may fall under the following sections: 8-2 Investigations and Searches and/or 8-27 Short-Term Suspension.

Group Item Number: A.8
Presenter: Silvia Ross
Action: Passed (6-5-2)
Recommendation: Recommend that the Student Rights and Responsibilities (SR&R) Handbook be modified to include in the section on “Fighting” (p.11) the information on Self Defense criteria as written in VDOE “A Parent’s Guide to Understanding Student Discipline Policies and Practices in Virginia Schools”.
Group Item Number:  D.3
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (13-0-0)
Recommendation: Endorse the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in all LCPS. Continue to monitor the implementation of the framework in each school using formative and summative measures and fidelity checks that assess the quality of the implementation.

Group Item Number:  D.4
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (12-1-0)
Recommendation: Continue to provide performance feedback to schools on the implementation of PBIS to guide and inform their School Improvement Plan. The school administration team shall evaluate the data and trends and include strategies and goals to improve the implementation and effectiveness of PBIS.

Group Item Number:  D.5
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (10-2-1)
Recommendation: Graduated Discipline Practices and Administrator Discretion: School administrators should employ graduated discipline practices giving consideration to the seriousness and chronicity of the violation to ensure that the consequences are matched with the seriousness of the offense and first consider a focus on positive discipline practices, such as rehabilitation, restitution, counseling, debriefing, over the use of suspension and other exclusionary practices.

In determining an appropriate disciplinary consequence, relevant factors to be considered by administrators may include: the student’s age; previous disciplinary infractions; circumstances surrounding the misconduct; intent; information about the students provided by parents, teachers, counselors, and other staff; other mitigating or aggravating factors.

Group Item Number:  D.6
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes
Action: Passed (7-5-1)
Recommendation: Range of Responses: Recommend that the School Board modify school policy and procedures to establish and include a varied range of responses to behaviors using methodologies (such as Restorative Practices, Collaborative Problem Solving, etc.) that produce evidence-based results.

The use of punitive exclusions should be reserved as a response to serious infractions that threaten the safety of the school environment, or for students who have not responded to other disciplinary methods.
Group Item Number: D.7  
Presenter: Teresa Cambetes  
Action: Deferred  
Recommendation: First Offense Policy – Recommend that the School Board modify Policy 8-35 (Reg.) and 8-36 (Reg.) to require first offenders of Policy 8-35 and 8-36 to participate in the 3-day Insight Program, to undergo evaluation for drug or alcohol abuse, and to participate in weekly counseling services at their home school. Students who violate these policies will also serve a 3-day suspension concurrent with the participation in the Insight Program.

Future Meeting Dates
May 30, 2013 (6:00 – 8:00) Room 100-B  
June 5, 2013 (6:00-8:00) Room 100-B

Task Force Completion Date:  
June 2013