

Oak Park and River Forest High School

Joint Committee on Student Discipline Thursday, February 7, 2013

Present: Camille Brashear (student), Mark Collins, Jason Dennis, Kris Johnson, Matt Malony, Tom Tarrent, Alisa Walton, Nate Rouse (chairperson) and Deloris Collins (recorder)

The 1st meeting of the Joint Committee on Student Discipline for the 2012-13 school year convened at 3:30 p.m. on February 7, 2013 in the Board Room.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting and how this committee would work to achieve the goals of recommending changes to the Board were discussed. Meeting dates for the committee were presented as well as the timeline for the recommendations to the Board.

The Director of Campus Safety position description was discussed. Mr. Rouse spoke about the large number of people who submitted applications for the position. He also shared that the hiring committee vetted 7 applications with the hope of having that person hired.

Board Goal #3 Learning Environment and School Culture: These goals were discussed in detail in terms of the action steps and where we currently are mid-year. The 1 semester discipline report will address this 3rd board goal.

Suspension Reduction Program: The Suspension Reduction Program (SRP) is extended to students who have out-of-school and in-school suspensions the opportunity to cut their suspension by 50%. The SRP has proven successful in terms of getting students to class, but the question is has the actual number of suspensions dropped or is this drop due to SRP. For students who fight, we will look into reducing their chance for SRP to one per year, per student.

The new building security measures will go into effect on Monday, Feb. 11th and all students must show wear their IDs to enter the building thru only three entrances. Mr. Rouse talked about IDs still being an issue and how students without their ID will be directed to the Ticket Booth to obtain a temporary ID.

Code of Conduct: A new discipline infraction log was shared with the committee. It was reported that the Deans names were changed to Student Intervention Directors to move from a punitive stance. The new log has eliminated the ranges that were associated with the Matrix. The committee will go thru the new infraction log to make certain that the infraction and consequence is fair. Much discussion ensued regarding how to share information with students so that they are aware of the changes. It was suggested that an extended "A" period on the 1st day of school would be an excellent way for students to get an understanding about infractions. Matt Maloney will take this information regarding an extended "A" period to Faculty Senate.