

Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee

10/17/2019

Started: 6:25pm

Ended: 7:25 pm

Old Business

Vote on bylaw amendments

Dr. Shipley moves that we vote on changes to 1,2,3, 5,6,7 bylaws. Second by Brother Blanks.

Yes 7

Oppose 0

Abstentions 0

Vote passed

Requirements for voting members

- Attend three meetings. In the third meeting, the individual will have voting rights on the third meeting.
- The individual has to complete Open Meetings Act training before the third meeting.

Suspension reports

- Dr. Hillary FOIA request has not been granted.
- Thomas Morris has given demographic reports, but not weekly suspension reports.
- Will go through the process and deadline will have to be met to hand over suspension report
- Concern that students have received consequences for reasons that are not legitimate.
- The process to change discipline is a goal. This takes the school team (administration and teachers) to work together.
- The Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee no longer only works on the handbook. We are now working to change the district's philosophy on discipline.
- There is a concern that the district level administration isn't supporting the new vision for the committee.
- We want to collect data on the restorative interventions that are being used in the schools. We want to be able to evaluate the practices in place.
- District protocols and structures are in place through guidance from the Outreach Office and Senate Bill 100.
- There is disproportionality of African American male students receiving Out of School Suspension. 14.7% of students are 5 times more likely to be suspended from school.

- FOIA discipline records on the subgroup of African American males.
- Students can not receive an exclusionary consequence for not being in the dress code.
This applies to elementary and middle school.

Dress code

- Dress code recommendations from Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee were approved.
- Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee has to operationalize this for the handbook.

Handbook

- Dr. Hillary sent an invite for the November meeting.
- Will send an email about discipline handbook updates
- Police (SRO) questioning students without parent presence language to be added
- Behavior threat assessment team language to be added
- False objection to the first reading of the handbook. Recommendation: We can have an edited version that is an exact recording of the law with additions by Susan Malter.
- Addendum put out immediately related to dress code and police questioning on the district web page.