

Behavior Intervention/Discipline Committee

Minutes: October 10, 2013- 5 PM

In attendance: Brian Bushnell, Al Malley, Maggi Burkhardt, Becca Gallico, Sue Scott, Debby Lynch, Cathy Slee, Susan Wulczyn

Agenda

1. Second Step/PBS Review
 - a. Across the district, there are consistent opportunities to be reinforced for positive behaviors; these are built into daily operations and integrate smoothly with the promotion of positive school culture.
 - b. The difference between PBS and PBIS was explained.
 - c. PBS systems serve as one vehicle for behavioral data collection.
 - d. Second Step violence prevention lessons are regular; students learn healthy choices, taking responsibility for their actions, etc. Teachers like the structured approach for teaching these social and life skills.
 - e. PTO supports purchase of classroom prizes for these research-based strategies.
2. Share Physical Restraint and Seclusion Form developed last year as review
 - a. Discussed how form was developed and that required components are included. There are rare opportunities for the use of physical restraint
 - b. Question was asked about parents' reactions when informed of a restraint; it was explained that restraint is used as a last resort for students who are in imminent danger to themselves and/or others. Often contingencies for its use are already memorialized as part of a continuum of supports listed in a Behavior Intervention Plan.
3. Discipline policy- review and consider changes
 - a. Student Discipline policy was revised in 2012. This committee reviewed the current policy and confirmed that it meets our needs at this point.
 - b. A question was asked about how often we have incidents of non-compliance with prohibited substances. The administrators stated that there are very few incidents; they explained the range of substance abuse prevention programs in school, and the feeling is that our numbers are quite low.
4. Review Red Book
 - a. Red Book is only online at this point; parents still are required to review with their children and sign off
 - b. No changes recommended at this time

5. Review District Bully policy 7:180
 - a. It was noted that that there is a very clear and specific definition of bullying
 - b. All potential bullying incidents are thoroughly investigated
 - c. There are very few actual incidents of true bullying in the schools
6. Discuss Reciprocal Reporting Agreement as approved by Board of Education in December of 2012
 - a. Reviewed and approved- we have an excellent relationship with the Police department; most officers are known to the administrators on a first name basis
 - b. Board members acknowledged awareness and prior approval of this agreement.

New Business

A Board member asked about the need for a Bomb Threat policy. Members of the committee were not aware of schools with policies of this nature. Recent Police Department presentations were praised for their strong message; it is hoped that such a policy is unnecessary.

A Board member offered thanks to teachers and administrators for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wulczyn