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Board of Education Student Services Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2008 ~ 6:30 PM ~ Administration Center

Summary Notes

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Mrs. Stearns called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present were: Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. Riester, Dr. Edison, Mr. Krapf

Absent were: Mr. Turner

Old Business

a. The South Suburban Outreach Committee update as provided by Dr. Edison.

1. He discussed an outreach program, which hopefully would be implemented in coordination with the Cook County Courts, particularly with Judge Stuttley and his assistant, Cathy Bankhead.
2. A forum of that group has convened, with three meetings to date. #228 staff has worked most closely with the Cook County Courts in Markham, in order to maintain a local connection.
3. The program trains students to conduct a “hearing” of sorts, when presented with cases referred by schools or the courts. Community service hours, anger management interventions, and problem solving are potential outcomes from these “hearings”. More exposure for the program, as it develops is hoped for.
4. A “TALKS Program” pilot at Hillcrest HS is beginning. Key staff members are being trained as Mentors in order to provide an alternative to discipline, i.e. a community service option for students.
5. An over the summer orientation for all schools, a Probation Day for involved students, parents, and school representatives will occur on July 28th. This will be an outreach effort to families and students who are Court involved, prior to the start of school I August.

Note: A great deal of effort in this initiative from Dean Otis Lane is both recognized and appreciated.

b. Suggested building level procedures for discipline was reviewed and presented by Dr. Edison.

The Deans negotiated these suggested changes in order to increase discipline consistency among #228 schools. The Student Handbook for 2008-2009 will reflect these changes.

- c. A rescheduling of the May 8 Alternative Education Program team will be accomplished and an update will be provided later. Informal reports are positive as to student success in the Delta Program. Credit goes to the Delta staff for the successful beginning of that program.

New Business

Ms. Stearns inquired as the ISBE Report received this year related to discipline trends. Further discussion will occur when we have another set of Annual Reports from each #228 school to review. Trend data over multiple years is needed to best monitor discipline data.

Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.