

**Minutes of School-Wide Discipline / Positive School Climate Committee
December 15, 2003 Meeting**

The meeting opened with introductions (Eight individuals attended the meeting – six teachers, one parent, and one student). The purpose of the committee was discussed and a free flowing discussion on decorum-related issues was held. Topics in this discussion included tardy policies, dress codes, consistency in enforcing expectations and rules at other schools, teacher presence in the halls, expectations for Security officers, healthy food sold in vending machines and by Student Nutrition personnel etc.

The discussion demonstrated the need for structure and focus so the committee proceeded to develop a few major goals that were to guide the committee in its efforts to set up a School-Wide Discipline Program. The goals were:

1. School should be safe for everyone.
2. Decorum expectations should be clear, positive, and consistent (and consistent with District policy as well)
3. Respect should be manifest by all to all (ie. student to student, staff to student, student to staff, staff to staff, staff to parents and the community etc). Also students and staff should respect themselves and property.

From that point, several goals and objectives were set to promote a more positive climate in the school. They were:

1. Create positive school traditions.
2. Explore a student advisory program.
3. There should be positive recognition of student achievement and effort.
4. Assemblies should be positive, relevant, well organized/planned.
5. Should be a structured, positive individual recognition system (possibly jointly created by the Staff Sunshine Committee and Student Government).
6. Staff should be encouraged to attend student activities.
7. Special staff shirts or other outer garments should be created for staff.
8. A staff retreat or multiple retreats should be organized.
9. Promote service and community involvement activities.
10. Teach students to be community citizens.

Once the goals were set, the meeting times, dates, location and topic areas were also established. They are as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 14 – 3:30 PM – old Dimond Library – Topics: General student decorum, tardies, dress codes, consistency of expectations enforcement.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 – 3:30 PM – old Dimond Library – Topics: Student decorum issues continued, harassment issues and policies, structure for eliciting greater input from staff and the community.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 – 3:30 PM – old Dimond Library – Topics: Positive School Climate, school advisory, set schedule for additional meetings.

The meeting closed with a request for all to recruit more teachers, parents, and students to attend and participate in future committee meetings.