

MEETING NOTES
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
January 13, 2022

A meeting of the Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 12:30 PM.

PRESENT

Board Members: Ms. Angela Blatner
Ms. Susan Booton

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
Dr. Charlie Kyle, Asst. Superintendent of Administrative Services
Dr. Chris Silagi, Asst. Superintendent of Student Services

Discussion of Dress Code Feedback and Handbook Revision Process

Dr. Schuler noted as Dr. Kyle and his team work on the dress code and handbook, there is a need to be sure the administration and team understand the concerns and feedback from parents. Dr. Kyle provided an update on the 2022 Dress Code Review Team, which included information on the following:

- Dress Code Review Core Team/Meeting Dates
- Dress Code Review Team Goal
- Title IX Webinar
- Current Dress Code
- Dress Code Costumes
- Comparative Districts

There was discussion on the following:

- Reviewing the current dress code, finding what is working and what is not working.
- Reviewing the Title IX concerns as it relates to the dress code (current and future updated dress code).
 - Title IX prohibits dress codes that discriminate based on sex.
 - Title IX and athletics – impact on the dress code?
- Consistency in the enforcement of the dress code is an issue that has been noted by students.
- D200 dress code vs. comparative school districts (especially those that have already gone through a dress code update).
- Presenting an updated dress code and handbook to the Board in the spring.
- The desire to make sure student input is considered and brought into this; asking for teacher feedback regarding the dress code.
- This has been an issue for many years.
- Make sure we are following what is in our policy.
- Hats, hoods, head coverings as it relates to the dress code.
- The need to be consistent at all levels, all activities, and sports.
- Noted that sometimes wearing hats can be helpful to students.
- Dress code as it relates to safety risks.
- The standards that need to apply to this, and the need to be willing and able to follow so that all are comfortable enforcing the dress code.

- Body image, strapless discussion.
- Implicit bias as it relates to the dress code.
- Dress code guidance and the general premise – what needs to be covered should be covered.
- Do not want staff spending a lot of their time dealing with this – want them to teach; do not want students to spend a lot of time worrying about this – want them to learn.
- The wearing of coats, use of lockers.
- Obtaining feedback from EC-12 administrators and the CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee).
- Should keep the language simple; less can be more when it comes to language.

Update to SEL Work Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Silagi provided an update on the SEL work plan for the 2021-22 school year, which included information and discussion on the following:

- Currently doing the second round of SAEBRS work (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener). Will have some trend data at some of our schools.
- Sophomores in general and how they are doing. Some concern over grades, testing and retesting, and noted they did not have a typical freshman year experience.
- Cognizant of seventh-grade students as well (not the typical sixth-grade experience last year at a new level).
- Risk of harm procedures – the involvement of the Wheaton PD if a threat is found to be substantive. Ensuring our process is aligned with law enforcement.
- Risk of harm process created in correlation with the psychology and social work department chairs.
- Student evaluations and the use of Dr. Glennon.
- Follow-up communications regarding situations that occur in D200 buildings.
- School threats and the relationship with law enforcement.
- Bullying - handled by the school/district vs. law enforcement.

There was a discussion on moving up the May 18 SEL committee meeting. A revised date will be sent to the committee. A targeted checkpoint for the SEL committee will also take place in February 2022.

Public Comment

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.