

January 19, 2012

Dear parents, students and community;

As Mr. Squier mentioned in a recent weekly update, I will be working over the next few months to establish and work with a group of C-A stakeholders to review and revise the Code of Conduct. I know that's been a while since we've engaged in this, so this will be a wonderful opportunity to step back and examine our practice as we continue to move forward.

The group will be charged with:

- reviewing and evaluating the current document, identifying strengths and weaknesses.
- electing a format for the revised document that is clear, concise, and easy to understand.
- participating in work sessions to align specific behaviors with specific responses at various levels, reflecting the concepts of shared ownership for student behavior and progressive interventions.
- reviewing the effectiveness of current responses and discussing possible new ones.
- aligning the Code of Conduct to make sure that it's aligned with the upcoming Dignity for All Students Act.

The draft timeline for the group will be as follows:

Tuesday, Jan 31st: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Initial Meeting; evaluation of current Code
Tuesday, Feb 14th: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Review of formats and range of responses
Tuesday, Feb 28th: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Work Session #1 (General behaviors and desired consequences)
Tuesday, March 13th: 3:45- 5:15 (HS Library) Work Session # 2 (General behaviors and desired consequences)
Tuesday, March 27th: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Work Session # 3 (General behaviors and desired consequences)
Tuesday, April 17th: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation and DASA
Tuesday, May 1st: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Review/Edit of document...send to school attorney for review
Tuesday, May 22nd: 3:45 - 5:15 (HS Library) Final edit based on attorney review
Tuesday, June 19th: Present to BOE for approval

The above schedule is a beginning framework to start our work. At the first meeting, and as we move through the process, we will adjust the time we need together based on our progress and needs. Either way, the first meeting will be on Jan 31st.

If you are interested in participating as a member of this group, please reach out to me directly via email by Weds., Jan 25th. (hanleyh@coxsackie-athens.org) My hope is to develop a group that consists of two or three faculty, staff and parents from each level, students from the secondary level, and a BOE member. Once I have established interest levels, I will reach out with further information and resources.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and I am looking forward to working with you!

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