

Community Unit School District #95
Policy Review Committee - Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 13, 2008, 9:00am, Administration Center

Board Members: Jan Putbress, Kathy Brown
Staff: Brian Knutson, Nancy Rosenfeld, Mike Egan, Nate Carter, Teri Simon, Julia Becich, Kim Kolze, Teresa Kraly, Rolly Vazquez, and Marsha Smyser
Community: Dr. Ray Bianchi

Items Discussed:

Substance Abuse Task Force – Rolly, Teresa, and Kim were in attendance to update the group on the progress of their investigation of drug testing in other districts and what might be possible at Lake Zurich High School. They brought sample procedures and a sample of a student assistance program. Significant discussion was held on the way to define “random” testing. Would the pool of students potentially tested include all the students involved in athletics, activities and parking permit holders? Or would each activity, sport or semester of parking permit holders have it’s own pool for the “up to 10% number of students tested”? However the pool is made up, the feeling is that software is available to generate a list of students to be tested would give more credibility to the selection process. Representatives from the high school will put together a simulated test of the process and bring back to the group.

Brian will check with legal counsel to ask:

- Random selection – Pool of all those involved, or separate pools by activity?
- Pledge Card – does it carry weight?
- What about failure to comply?
- Parents rights?
- Student over 18, does the parent have a right to results? Does student need to sign?
- Use of breathalyzer without reasonable suspicion?

Barbara Belke, social worker at the high school has prepared an overview of a Student Assistance Program which should be in place prior to beginning the drug testing of students. All agree the emphasis should be on prevention and self reporting rather than consequences if caught.

More information from Barbara will come forward about costs, etc. The Student Assistance Program will be put on the agenda for a September Cow for notification to the Board that the discussion has begun.

Several outstanding items were approved for first reading in September: 4:20, 4:50 (with changes), 4:55 (NEW), 4:80 (with minor changes), 4:90, and 4:170.

Adjourned – 10:54 AM - Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 9:00am

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Respectfully Submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk