



Athlos Jefferson Parish

Minutes

AAJP Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish

[979 Behrman Hwy](#)

[Terrytown, LA 70056](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/96788668795>

Committee Members Present

A. Acuna, A. Diperna (remote), C. Martin, J. Holmes, J. Washington, N. Anthony (remote)

Committee Members Absent

J. Wright, V. McCoy

Committee Members who left before the meeting adjourned

A. Diperna

Guests Present

K. Wheeler, T. Tate (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Washington called a meeting of the Governance Committee Committee of Athlos Jefferson Parish to order on Wednesday Jun 12, 2024 at 5:37 PM.

II. Governance Committee

A. Review draft policies

Ms. Diperna shared the draft seclusion policy and the intentions behind the policy.

Mr. Acuna asked for clarification on how the SAR team would be selected. Mr. Acuna asked for clarification on mechanical restraints. Ms. Martin confirmed we do not have any at our school. Mr. Acuna inquired about the designated seclusion room at the campus.

Dr. Holmes asked if all teachers would receive some base level training on de-escalation, etc. She also asked about restorative practice training and similar training. Ms. Martin & Ms. Diperna confirmed that would be included in the summer PD.

Dr. Holmes suggested 2 edits to the policy to clarify what to do if you can't reach the parent and what the complaint process is.

Ms. Diperna shared the draft video surveillance policy and provided clarification to the process for implementation, requests and notification.

Ms. Anthony asked where we clarify signage requirements and the process for parents to request a video. Ms. Diperna stated these would be included in the procedures.

Ms. Washington suggested adding reference to this policy in the student handbook to make sure parents know about this option.

Mr. Acuna asked if there are any limits to the number of videos parents can request or a limit to frequency of their requests per year. Staff is not aware of any limits but will research this. Ms. Diperna shared that the parent is required to give a specific reason for the particular request that falls into the allowed categories.

Dr. Holmes asked for clarification regarding how this would work in conjunction with our current process for student and staff investigations. Ms. Martin & Ms. Tate confirmed each process would be conducted independent of the other.

A. Diperna left at 6:25 PM.

B. Review the Discipline Policies related to SPED students and 126.

The policies seem fragmented and missing terms that are referenced in bulletin 126.

Board members suggested combining them all together and cross-referencing Bulletin 126. After that complete draft is ready, share with the committee for final review.

Suggested topics to combine/add:

Overall: combine all discipline with ladder, tiers, bullying, due process, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, truancy & expulsion policies; or include all in a discipline handbook. Clarify the expulsion policy for alternative site.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Washington