

CGHS from A7

Because of the school's restrictive protocol on releasing details about minors, the degree to which harassment has taken place this year in the high school locker room remains unclear and the reasons for disciplinary actions resulting from the school's investigation have not been released.

However, *The Sentinel* was able to confirm that the police department's investigation turned up no other cases rising to the level of criminal action.

"At no time during the investigation did we think there were other people at risk," said Shepherd, who added that, to his knowledge, no cases of this nature have emerged or been opened in the last two decades.

Shepherd, who himself worked as an assistant basketball coach at the high school for several years up until 2017, said, "There have been thefts at the high school. There have been thefts from locker rooms. There has been harassment. But nothing to the degree of a broomstick."

In Shepherd's experi-

ence as a coach, he said misbehavior to a lesser extent had its place.

"We had to yell at kids and tell them to quit running around or chasing people or snapping them with towels ..." he said. "But we never dealt with anything like this."

On Oct. 25, KEZI reported that the family of a second victim had stepped forward to allege that their 14-year-old son had been similarly assaulted by members of the football team, also with a broomstick.

In the report, the family said it suspected that there were more victims.

McCasline addressed the alleged second incident in an interview with *The Sentinel*, saying "We have investigated all known reports, including the [new] one being brought forward, and have taken appropriate action," he said. "There wasn't anything to refer to the police and we issued consequences appropriately."

The police department stated it has not found evidence of any other cases matching the description of harassment alleged by the second family and emphasized in statements to *The Sentinel* that only one

criminal case has resulted from investigations.

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— Brian McCasline, Interim Assist. Superintendent

Moreover, McCasline did not believe that such actions were commonplace.

"During the investigation, there was no evidence that this was a long-standing pattern of behavior," he said.

Even so, the school district has stated that it is taking steps to prevent similar incidents from happening again.

"We have modified our supervision in the locker room to make sure that coaches are within eye and earshot of students at all times," McCasline said. "We need every athlete within sight and sound at this point."

Until recently, line-of-site supervision wasn't a requirement, with coaches primarily relying on audio supervision of the

locker room.

In a statement released

school has addressed the football team about ex-

regards to what we do [for victims] when there's allegations of harassment or bullying," said McCasline.

Sullivan added that the school offers services in cases where students may need counseling.

On the morning of Oct. 25, school officials spoke to students in an assembly which addressed the issue of harassment.

"We made some assurances and told them where we're headed, what we expect of them and what we expected of all of us in the future," McCasline said.

Among those expectations, McCasline said, is a school district that is attentive and responsive to student reports of harassment, intimidation and bullying.

"If there are any other reports that haven't been reported to the Cottage Grove police or the school district, then we of course would want to know that," said McCasline.

expectations with regards to hazing, harassment and bullying. Future sessions are also planned with all sports teams on these topics.

District officials said that a third party, such as the Oregon School Athletic Association (OSAA) will likely oversee changes made to the school's policies.

The district was unable to speak specifically to what was being done for the freshman victim in the criminal case, however, due to student privacy.

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