

Minutes
May 18, 2023
3:00 – 3:30 PM
Google Hangouts
Health, Wellness and Safety Committee

Present: Angela Ridgley, Don Budach, Michael Favor, Joan Kraft, Linda Berg, Brian Plautz (MN Comp Advisor), Nicolle Roush, Lori Berdahl (Ergonomics and Loss Control Specialist with RAS Companies), Melissa Ho

Absent: Amy Alexander, Ann Staples, Melissa Schaller, Scott Zehnder, Teri Welch, Lauren Kelly, Lynda Hurt

OSHA, Work Compensation Update – Nicolle Roush reported. Since July 1, 2023, 162 calls to the nurseline. Of these 16 were OSHA recordables, meaning there was lost time, etc. 232 days working with restrictions. 20 days lost work time. 176 incidents. 34 calls were not student related and 169 calls were student related. Cedar has the highest number of calls at 63 with Alliance next at 28. On a good note, Lori Berdahl said 917's severity in snow and ice incidents were down this year so our efforts were good. Lori will gather a comparison of previous years for our team to review prior to July 1. Brian Plautz also commented that we are the only district that went down in incidents!

SafeSchools Update - Linda Berg reported. There is a change to the start and end dates for Safe Schools. Safe Schools will begin on July 1. I sent out a spreadsheet of the courses that are to be taken for the upcoming year. There are quite a few of them and they are all important. The administrators realize how much time these take and we are working with administration to see if we can scatter the dates a bit so they are not all due on October 1. Maybe just the main ones like BBP, Sexual Harassment, Defensive Driving and Staff Handbook are due right away and the others a little later. In any case, staff can start taking courses on July 1 if they wish.

Naloxone – Don Budach reported. District 917 has added Naloxone Nasal Spray – two doses each at Cedar, Concord, Alliance, DCALS North and DCTC locations. 45 staff have been trained on this. Thank to Melissa Ho for developing the procedures and policy to be used. FYI—Naloxone cannot hurt you if you don't need it and there is a Good Samaritan Act that protects people who administer it without training. Melissa Ho reported that MDH is working on changing language so that more people can administer this rather than just licensed school nurses. All health associates are trained for support right now.

Nurses update – Melissa Ho, Angela Ridgley, Joan Kraft reported. Melissa reported that a survey from the Dakota County Public Health Department will be coming out shortly on how we are doing as a district. A question was asked if we track 911 calls. This was asked on the survey. Angela reported that Dakota County wants to track all 911 calls. Nicolle will check with Cory to see if there is a way to track these through the phone system.

Building Specific Issues: Lori suggested we send out reminders for end of year incidents such as bad lifting, wearing flip flops, etc. Lori will send some posters for Linda Berg to send out to staff.

Dates for next year are: September 21, 2023, November 16, 2023, January 11, 2024, March 14, 2024, May 16, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Next Meeting

September 21, 2023