

Minutes
May 13, 2021
3:00 – 4:00 PM
Google Hangouts
Health, Wellness and Safety Committee

Present: Melissa Schaller, Amy Alexander, Melissa Ho, Joan Kraft, Mark Zuzek, Lynda Hurt, Linda Berg, Brian Plautz (MN Comp Advisor), Paul Landwehr, Nicolle Roush, Teri Welch, Breanna Baker

Absent: Ann Staples

OSHA, Work Compensation Update – Mod factor is down to 2.54. Hybrid has been working well for this purpose. Brian Plautz --- decrease across every single district this year. OSHA Safety Work Comp – 1 call a day to the nurse care line. Staff is doing good about calling the nurse careline for work issues. 62 calls to work comp....only five OSHA qualifying. Lots of bites and hits. Using sleeve and hats to help with bites. Brian has sent kitchen items to help. Brian – only three slip and fall claims for the year – unbelievable. 4 string claims with teachers/paras doing participating situations – involved in games, etc. Think about this and what kinds of injuries this could cause. Maybe stretch or warmup like the kids to avoid sprains, etc. Brian will send resources out to Amy on stretches, warming up, etc.

Food and Nutrition: Teri Welch reported. Wellness Policy – part of the hunger free kids act. We have to review annually. 2021 triennial assessment. We have to figure out ways to stay on top of this. Issue is trying to figure out how to make this committee address the student aspect in a way that we haven't in the past. Its always been on staff. It needs to encompass the student's well being. Each school site needs a contact person. Probably the assistant director. Maybe nurse, teacher, DAPE person, etc., need input from the classroom perspective. Policy is general as are our goals. They are determined by curriculum. They have to address the goals. Need some real specific activities that we do. Either in the classroom, at the school site, provide information to parents for outside of the school day activity to do....any way to meet our policy goals. We need better representation on this committee. Then look at policy, goals, and try to come up with some accountability goals for the end of fiscal year 2022.

We will recruit for next year's committee.

Food service training is a minimum of two hours. Food Safety and Kitchen Sanitation and School Meal compliance, and BBP. This is done through SafeSchools.

Nurses update: Melissa Ho -- 3 staff and 16 students in qua. 17 positive cases to this point this year. COVID tracker and COVID form has worked really well. This should continue next year. Vaccine tracker is working good also. Would like to see a student vaccine tracker next year and put it into infinite campus. Mitigation strategies have worked really well. Ex: Dash – positive student and no one else tested positive. DASH is very close contact and student's don't mask so what we have been doing has been working.

Temp checks every day can go away – not very effective at picking up kids with COVID – too much work and not reliable enough.

Faceshields – they should go away - hot and restrictive and a target for students. Hazard for 917 staff.

Next year – talked about it in public health and MDH call – loosen restrictions. Looking for a national rule rather than state rule or school rule. Keep MDH out of it.

Mark wanted to know how to advertise vaccines. Melissa Ho helped with this.

ESY changes? Follow the same safe learning plan through the last day of summer school this year.

July 6-29 is ESY in 2021.

Paul – van drivers – should we do drug testing?

Brian – it is not mandatory since it is not in the DOT. There is a cost to this but it is helpful and deterrent.

Not a pre-hire requisite. Challenges with so many employees. Nicolle – we do have all do defensive driving. If there are driving issues in the past, they cannot drive. We can bring someone in if they are suspected of drinking.

Nicolle – will check further on this.

Brian - good strong policies are good and you get less people that would abuse these kinds of things.

Building Specific Issues: None at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

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