

Health and Wellness Advisory Committee
Barrington Public Schools
June 2, 2021 8:15 AM
Minutes

Present at the meeting:

School committee: Megan Douglas (arrived late), Erika Sevetson

Superintendent: Michael Messoro

PE/Health Department Chair: Corey Downey

School nurses: Denise Flores

Parents: Amy Nunn, Christina Glass

Chartwells: Nancy Roberts, Kimberly Orr

BAY team: Denise Alves

Student members: Abby Markham

RIHSC: Karin Wetherill

Absent: Ryan Loshaw, Alexandra Fiore (Trust), Michael Blundin, Jenna Andrews, Barbara Cohen, Paula Dillon, Nichole Collins, Joanne Royley, Robert Rapoza, Jennifer Roberts, Jenna Andrews, Addison White, Pat Tolento

Erika Sevetson called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Ms. Sevetson asked for motion to approve the May 5, 2021 minutes. -- moved and -- seconded the motion. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Sevetson reviewed that all policies in the charge have been forwarded to the School Committee for review and approval.

The Adolescent Sexual Health Survey follow-up was reviewed. Mr. Downey reported that the PD offered through RIHSC was very helpful and well-received. The department will be looking at delivery of sexual health information going forward, as well as bringing in guest speakers, bringing more people to the table, re-evaluating the timing of certain topics (e.g., the department recently moved the condom conversation from 11th to 10th grade), and developing more skills-based delivery. The additional need identified by the survey was in relationship to the policy and protocol work which will be incorporated into the charge for next year when new school nurse educators are in place.

The Health and Wellness Policy review which was started at the last meeting continued with some discussion about the Well-Sat review and incorporating those changes into the policy. Additional discussion about the nutritional standards at the schools, data-based decision making, communication to families and educators, facilities support and development, and other related topics. Nancy Roberts explained the recent changes from RIDE to the school breakfast program. Dr. Nunn asked the committee to focus on data-based decisions. Dr. Douglas and Ms. Sevetson discussed the importance of bringing people to the table to make these decisions, in

line with the decision making policy which is currently being redeveloped. Ms. Flores described how the no food celebration policy developed at Sowams school. Dr. Douglas suggested that this topic would be brought forward to the School Committee and administration this summer during the strategic planning process, and perhaps wrapped into the SIT goals at one of the schools to foster the ground up decision making like what worked well at Sowams.

Dr. Douglas explained that additional charges would be the review of the Health Curriculum. Additional charges would be developed from other concerns brought by the membership.

Members were encouraged to send any suggestions for lessons learned from the past year to Dr. Douglas or Dr. Dillon.

Dr. Douglas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 AM. Ms. Severson seconded the motion and the motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.