

**Barrington School Committee
Health & Wellness Committee Meeting
February 5, 2020
Presentation Room,
Barrington Middle School**

Present:

School Committee members: Megan Douglas, Patrick McCrann
Superintendent Messoro

Joanne Royley, Denise Flores, Patricia Tolento

Karin Wetherill (RIHSC), Nancy Roberts and Kim Orr (Chartwells), Denise Alves (BAY Team), Alexandra Fiore (The Trust)

Melissa Coen, Amy Nunn, Christina Glass, Jessica Reynolds

Guests: Kevin Blanchard, Kelly Gorman (BHS student), Mr. Gorman

Meeting Called to Order at 8:15am

Melissa Coen moved and Patrick McCrann seconded approval of the minutes from the 10/2/2019, 11/6/2019 and 12/4/2019 Health and Wellness meetings, with noted edits. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Kelly Gorman, a junior at BHS in Mr. Blanchard's AP Lit class, gave a presentation based on her project in support of a True Education. Her presentation focused on the importance of environmental education and how to incorporate that into the curriculum and the experience of all BPS students. She noted, in particular, the detrimental effect on the mental health of students related to concerns about the environment, as well as the support of emotional, social and educational skills associated with becoming actively involved in protecting the environment. Mr. Messoro suggested Kelly meet with Dr. Dillon in order to look at ways to incorporate environmental education into the UN Sustainable goals as well as the opportunities for deeper learning at all levels through the district. Dr. Douglas suggested, as well, that we could look at ways to incorporate environmental advocacy into the health and wellness policy as the environment has a direct impact on the health and wellness of the students. Unfortunately, her presentation was interrupted by the morning announcements at BMS, limiting the time allotted for discussion.

Vaping Policy Working Group update. Ms. Royley gave a brief update regarding the draft recommendations to the Tobacco Use and Vaping policy. Mr. Messoro also participated in the discussion. The group looked at the state policy, the model policy, and reviewed these recommendations with the BHS administration. They will also meet with the BMS administration. Some concerns of the administrators were discussed.

The planned follow up of the BHS lunch survey was deferred to the next meeting in March as the survey was delayed, first due to a snow day and then due to midterms.

A brief discussion of what the committee would like to see regarding the Health Curriculum was discussed with Mr. Downey.

Due to multiple interruptions and technical issues, the remainder of the meeting topics were deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.