

School Health Advisory Committee Meeting

April 8, 2021

Lee County Public Education Center via Zoom

8:30 – 10:00 am

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Leisha Roy.

Members were asked to enter names and titles into chat box for attendance.

Minutes of February 11th meeting were unanimously approved with Kathy Wynne making a motion to approve and a second was made by Mary Fischer.

NEW BUSINESS

School Board Update – Mary Fischer shared that the Superintendent will be announcing that Home Connect will not be an option for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mary also shared several bills currently being reviewed. The Senate Education Committee passed the Senate Bill 7070 which creates a liability protection for educational institutions related to COVID 19. There is no House companion bill at this time; however, this issue is going to be discussed at the budget conference.

Senate Bill 590, which states that a Principal or their designee must attempt to contact a student's parent prior to transporting the student to a receiving facility for involuntary psychological evaluation – Baker Act. This bill was passed.

Required health education instruction, House Bill 519 and Senate Bill 1094, revises the required comprehensive health education curriculum for the K-12 schools to include instruction on the prevention of child abuse, exploitation in human trafficking, the bill clarifies that it must be age and developmentally appropriate. Mary discussed how it will be implemented is still uncertain because of budget constraints.

Finally, Mary discussed the Parent Bill of Rights stating it is gaining a lot of momentum and attention. Parents have been reaching out to Board members to find out how the District will be teaching comprehensive sexuality to students.

Leisha discussed that there is an Opt-Out form available to parents in regards to sex education and disease transmission in the health curriculum. The student must participate in the other portions including but not limited to exercise, nutrition, safety, etc. She shared that even though health education has been in statute for 30 years, it is still very difficult to get this information out there. The programs vary from school to school.

Mary reminded everyone about The Drug House Odyssey which will be virtual this year and the teachers will be able to show their students a video at their convenience.

United Way Presentation – Angela Jackson gave an overview of the Community Partnership Program which started at Franklin Park Elementary in early 2020. Employees are employed through United Way and they have a partnership with University of Central Florida to bring services to Franklin Park Elementary.

The model is a four-partner model:

Lead Agency (not for profit) – United Way

School District – Lee County School District

University Partner – Florida Gulf Coast University

Healthcare Partner – Lee Health

These four partners work together to figure out what are the needs of the school and community, how can we assist and what agencies do we need to bring on board to complete this. The overall goal is to eliminate barriers and create access to anything the parents, the families and school needs. This is a wholistic approach. They take care of not only the students and the families but they also take care of the faculty.

This group is embedded right in the school. They work lunch duty they working the classrooms to give the teachers breaks. They work in the school to directly identify the needs within the school.

They are hoping to grow the program so that eventually the will follow the student through graduation. This will happen by expanding the program to middle and high schools in the future.

There are four dedicated positions to this program:

Community Partnership Director – Angela Jackson – organizes and coordinates the program in collaboration with all community and team members

Expanded Learning Coordinator – Megan Remaley – takes care of any learning that takes place outside of the typical school day

Wellness Coordinator – Jacquelyn Kelley – will organize all things wellness including the on-site school-based health clinic

Family & community Engagement Coordinator – Manuel Diaz – works directly with the students and communities to determine their needs

The onsite school-based health clinic will be a collaboration with Lee Health, Lee Community Health Centers and some We Care physicians. Right now, they are looking at doing telehealth services until the facilities can be built for a Wellness Cottage with services. The Wellness Cottage would allow the student to be seen right on campus. They are also going to allow teachers and staff to be seen at this clinic. The community will have access also. There will be established hours and days and the community people will not need to access the school to access the clinic.

The Wellness Cottage will have a Parent Resource Room attached to the facility to assist families. Most of these services are being done virtually right now.

Angela gave an overview of the services that are being provided right now on the school campus, as well as a list of community partners. (See attached PowerPoint slide 8 and 9)

They are currently working on securing a grant to move into the middle school at Fort Myers Middle School.

Angela announced that they are starting a Wellness Committee to build a team of folks that are invested in the community and Jackie will organize this. They are looking at April 28, 2021 Zoom for the first meeting.

Each member of the team introduced themselves.

Lee School Wellness Policy Revision – Amy shared that the school wellness policy is due for a triannual revision and review in June. The SHAC Committee helped to develop the policy which is policy number 2.30 (Local School Wellness). The policy will be emailed to all members to review and give input/recommendations. Please send all feedback to Amy Carroll by April 16, 2021.

There is a subcommittee that will do the final review before presenting the policy to the Board.

Mary requested an update on the Healthy Living and Healthy Fit Labs. Amy said there is a meeting coming up this Friday and she will be able to give an update after that. She did say they are up and functioning, the meeting will be to decide if they will continue.

Amy also reported that next year's menu will be revised to include more hand-held, high protein, hot items.

Health Services Update – Beth Wipf gave an update on Health Services. She reported that 1672 students have been seen on the vision bus and 1382 of those students have received a free pair of glasses. This is continuing through the end of the year. Work is also continuing with the Family Health Center's Dental Bus to provide free dental exams, fluoride treatments and sealants to student in grades 2 and 5. As of January 11, 2021 447 students have been seen. Dental Services will also continue through the end of the school year.

In January, Health Services, the Wellness Department and the Department of Health began working together to provide vaccines for qualified District employees. We are now able to offer the vaccine to all employees 18 years and older. Over 4000 employees have been vaccinated and this will continue to be offered as the Health Department has vaccines available.

We continue to see a downward trend in positive COVID cases in schools. There was a slight increase after Spring Break, which was expected. We are also expecting a small increase after Easter break but we are prepared.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 – 2022: CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Secretary – Leisha Roy nominated Moira Miner and a second was made by Beth Wipf. No other nominations were made. The committee unanimously approved the nomination.

Chair – Heather Parker nominated Leisha Roy and a second was made by Moira Miner. No other nominations were made. The committee unanimously approved the nomination.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kathy Wynne reminded everyone about the National Take Back Day, where you can turn in any unused drugs no questions asked. That is going to be Saturday, April 24th at the Cape Coral Police Department.

Also, the virtual Red Ribbon Awards are the week of April 19,2021.

- The Al Oerter Girls Award is April 19th
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- The Service to Our Nation Award is April 21st
- The Norm Project Award is April 21st
- The Jim Nathan Award is April 22nd

All awards will be virtual at 7:00 PM. Contact Kathy Wynne or Deb Comella for the link to any of the ceremonies.

Kelly Wilson announced the School Gardens Program that will be happening of Saturday, April 17th. It will be an Open House for people to share their experiences.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

2021 – 2022 Meetings

September 23, 2021

November 18, 2021

February 10, 2022

April 14, 2022