



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Lee County Public Education Center – Training Room D & Online

Committee Members Present: Lucinda Defreitas, Tamar Gorenjuk, Ramie Hall, Melissa Hatter, Brent Ibata, Ron Matthews, Brian Rasnick, William Ribble, Kathryn Sayers, Dr. Michelle Stork

Absent: Robin Antone, Priscilla Baluja, John Miller, Antoinette Peck, Todd Thomas

School Board Liaison: Mary Fischer

Staff Members Present: Cindy McClung, Director, Continuous Improvement

Recording Secretary: Julie Holcomb

Guests: n/a

Welcome, Review & Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Brian Rasnick at 6:03 p.m.

All Committee Members unanimously approved the November 10, 2021 meeting agenda.

All Committee Members unanimously approved the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes.

Board Member Report

Mrs. Fisher introduced the speakers for the evening and stressed the importance of this topic in our District.

Comprehensive Health Initiative

The presenters for the meeting included:

- Lori Brooks, Director, School Counseling & Mental Health Services
- Sherry Wenzel, Coordinator, Mental Health Services
- Leisha Roy, Teacher-on-Assignment, Curriculum & Instruction

Leisha Roy reviewed the copy of the Comprehensive Health Education Plan within the District, including the history of the State Statute and program requirements.

First Aid and CPR training has been added as a requirement for public school students, and the District is currently working on plans to meet this course requirement.

The elementary levels use a program K-5 Safer, Smarter Kids to meet the current rules, and a curriculum has been implemented for elementary level students covering substance use and abuse.

Leisha is working with UF and Environmental Education to bring in some healthy living and nutrition courses.

All 6th Graders must complete one semester of health education taught by a certified teacher, or a year-long peer counseling course.

The opt-out process was discussed, as well as the "Reminder" Opt-Out Letters. Teachers were reminded about the importance of sending out the specific course reminder letters prior to the start of the curriculum, and were asked to make themselves available to talk with parents to ask questions and address concerns. The teachers keep track of the submitted forms, as they need to arrange for an alternate assignment for the time period of the curriculum they will not participate.

The High School HOPE program requirements and exemptions were discussed.

The availability of data to determine the effectiveness of the health training was discussed.

Lori Brooks discussed the school-based mental health continuum and what supports is the District offering related to the pandemic.

Stickers are being created with critical phone numbers to be added to student ID cards to provide needed resources for students.

Sherry Wenzel reviewed the tiered approach for the school-based mental health services.

Many schools have licensed health care professionals, and the District is working to staff positions to provide schools with regular services.

Mr. Ribble noted that he will be providing this information at the Florida League of Cities meeting being held this Friday.

Teachers and students are noticing issues before they become students of concern and the increase in the mental health training has provided information on how to report issues with the "see something, say something" approach.

Mental Health Services, prevention and intervention, are provided K-12 in the District.

The School Mental Health Teams approach was reviewed including supports, resources, and evaluation of programs.

The Wellness Wednesday program was reviewed.

The Special Supports for COVID-19 includes a Resiliency Toolkit, curriculum, expanded opportunities for counseling, and added additional mental health staff.

In 2019 the District website added a portal for Mental Health and Wellness.

Most of the community partners that work with the District provide services at no charge to the District, and Lori Brooks indicated this approach has worked well to improve the current programs.

Mrs. Fisher encouraged discussions with legislators to emphasize the importance of these topics.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentations from the evening will be sent to all Committee Members.

Brian Rasnick requested that a meeting be scheduled for December 2021 to review presentation data from the last two meetings and to formulate recommendations for the Board before going into the new year.

The group discussed the option of a December meeting, and a motion was made to have a meeting in December 2021, and seconded, and all Committee Members were in favor of a December 2021 meeting.

Cindy McClung will look into available dates and meeting rooms and provide confirmation to Committee Members.

Public Comment

None

Meeting Type (In-person or Zoom)

Cindy McClung discussed the format for hybrid meetings and the technical difficulties that were occurring.

Because the meeting tonight went smoothly, we will continue with a hybrid model and reassess the format in January dependent on the community COVID transmission rate.

Good of the Order

Melissa Hatter introduced a motion that the CSI Committee make a recommendation to the School Board to submit a request to the Governor to remove Chris Patricca from the School Board. Her reading of the motion was interrupted and she was unable to complete the full motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hall. After discussion, the vote was called and the motion failed.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

- September 15, 2021 (Online via Zoom)
- October 13, 2021 (Training Room D and Online via Zoom)
- November 10, 2021 (Training Room D and Online via Zoom)
- December 8, 2021 (Training Room D and Online via Zoom)
- January 12, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- February 9, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- March 9, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- April 13, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)
- May 11, 2022 (Room TBA and Online via Zoom)

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