

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Safety and Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes

Superintendent's Conference Room, District Office
October 9, 2014 - 8:30 am

Committee members present: Kathleen Oxberry, Bernie Brady

Other Board members present: Sue Moore, Leslie Feingold, Alan Tabachnik, Christina Frangiosa, Beth Suchsland, Mel Brodsky

Administrators present: Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer, Karen Berk, Terry Yemm, Trevor Jackson

Mrs. Oxberry, Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:37 pm

Public Session

There were no public comments.

Evacuation Shelter Crisis Response Procedures - UPDATE

Tim McDonald, CSD's District Safety Officer, reported out on the updated chart that will replace the flipcharts currently hanging on walls of all classes and offices. The information will include standardized text used across the district. Requests were made to revise the proposed format to include tabs. Mr. McDonald will follow up on this request.

Concussion Management - UPDATE

A concussion update was shared with the Safety and Wellness Committee by CSD Activities Director Charlie Forster and CSD Athletic Trainer, Andrea Clegg. It was reported that all current coaches have attained certificates stating they have completed the mandatory concussion and cardiac education programs. The current process and protocol for concussion management among athletes was discussed. The protocol involves concussion diagnosis, reporting of athletic concussion to the school nurse, ImPACT testing, medical clearance, and return to play progression protocol. Also discussed was the protocol for concussion communication for the academic portion of concussion management. The committee was updated on the team effort between the athletic trainer, school nurse, and school psychologist to communicate between themselves and with the counselors and teachers. Tracked concussion data was reported as follows:

2012-2013	Athletic Concussions:	46	Total: 46 (athletic only reported)
2013-2014	"	37	Total: 50+ (athletic and other)
2014-2014 (to date)	"	9	Total: 13 (athletic and other, to date)

Suicide Awareness – House Bill 1559

Felix Scherzinger, CSD Behavioral Health Advisor, reported out on Pennsylvania House Bill 1559 which amends the Public School Code to create a suicide awareness and prevention training program for professional educators of students in grades 6 - 12. The bill requires: (1) school districts to adopt a policy concerning youth suicide and awareness; (2) school districts to include four hours of training in youth suicide awareness and prevention in their professional development plan; (3) PDE to provide online a model policy and associated resources

In addition, the bill gives each school entity the option of developing an age-appropriate child exploitation awareness education program for use within the existing curriculum for students in grades K - 8. There has been much confusion among MCIU SAP council members regarding this piece. However, PDE is drafting a model policy to fully address this law.

Mental Health First Aid is an overarching mental health awareness and prevention training program available to both school entities and the greater community. Similar to CPR and standard First Aid, Mental Health First Aid was designed to help an individual experiencing a behavioral health emergency.

Review of CSD Policy 221 – Bullying Prevention

Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services & Special Education, reported that we are required to review our Bullying Prevention policy at least once every three years and revise, as needed. The administration has reviewed the policy and has not recommended any revisions. However, they have recommended that we revise the CSD *Prevention of Harassment and Bullying* pamphlet to reflect current statistics, information, and resources. CSD's Behavioral Health Advisor, Felix Scherzinger, will be coordinating this effort and will head a committee to complete this project.

Enterovirus (EV) D68 - UPDATE

Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services, provided an update on the preventative measures the District has enacted in all buildings across the district. Thus far, there have been no reports of any District students being infected with the virus.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen B. Berk
Director of Pupil Services & Special Education

Terry Yemm
Director of Operations