

RICHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Health, Safety and Wellness Committee

Meeting Minutes

10.8.2020

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Members Present

- Phoebe Anderson (Exposure Control Officer, District Nurse)
- Peter Fitzpatrick (Centennial Custodial)
- Daniel Holcomb (IEA Health & Safety)
- Michael Manning (Food Services Director)
- Will Wlizlo (Safe Routes to School Coordinator)
- Bridge Mckye (Health District Office)
- Lisa Negus (HR Director)
- Luke Sammon (SFM Insurance)
- Lamija Alisic (Hanover Insurance)
- Dan Kretsinger (Facilities & Transportation Director)
- Jenny Rodriguez (RDLS Health Services)
- Dan McGinn (Bus Garage Supervisor)
- Carole McNaughton-Commers (Community Education Director)
- Laura Weiglein (Non-District Member)

Minutes

NEW MEMBERS / INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions

REVIEW INJURY REPORTS (STAFF)

Luke Sammon from SFM provided an update. No incidents requiring medical attention or lost time have occurred this year since 9/1.

The district has requested Winter Safety signs and posters from SFM.

WORKERS COMPENSATION UPDATE

Luke Sammon from SFM provided an update on last years incident data (9/1/2019 – 8/31/2020). 28 total claims were submitted last year. 21 medical only and 7 lost time claims.

WELLNESS UPDATE

The RHRC clinic is open Wednesday afternoons from 1-5pm, and is focusing on immunizations, sexual health care, and sport physicals. Children's Dental Services is hosting a monthly, low cost dental clinic at the RHRC on the third Thursday of every month. Portico Healthnet is also offering health insurance application assistance via telephone.

Community Education has several health and wellness offerings in the Fall catalog which are open to anyone, staff and community. Included are topics on managing health, mental health,

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and racial justice along with fitness options such as Yoga, and many other opportunities. Winter planning is starting now and ideas for offerings as well as instructors are welcome.

HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE

Lead-In-Water Testing (1/2020) – 210 samples were tested at the High School, RDLS, STEM and Hope Church (RCEP Program). These fixtures were new fixtures installed from construction. This was the initial testing of the RCEP program fixtures. 6 fixtures tested came back above the district's threshold of 15 ppb. These fixtures have sticker posted above it informing students and staff to not use the water for drinking or food preparation.

Exterior Door Numbers – We are revising the exterior door #'s due to construction on district buildings. The exterior door #'s will be revised on the districts emergency evacuation plans. These plans will be shared with police/fire to ensure quick response in case of an emergency.

Health & Safety Email Concerns – No submissions to review since the last committee meeting. The email address is health-safety@rpsmn.org.

Athletic Turf Maintenance – Turfix was out recently to provide maintenance on the turf stadium field. These improvements will help reduce

FACILITIES UPDATE

COVID PPE & Supplies – The process for cleaning was discussed. The custodians are using Bioesque to disinfect the classrooms and high touch points. Teachers are using a mixture of soap and water to clean their classrooms.

Baseball/Softball Field Maintenance – A contractor was on-site to provide maintenance on the baseball and softball JV and Varsity fields. The lip around the infield grass was repaired. The pitchers mounds were rebuilt. Drainage issues were corrected, and the warning tracks were redone. Other maintenance was conducted as well.

Football Stadium Field Maintenance – A contractor was on-site to refurbish the football field. Field maintenance was conducted and a G-Max test was completed to ensure the field conditions have been improved.

NEW BUSINESS

Safe Routes to School Updates – Since the last Health, Safety & Wellness Committee, RPS has established a Safe Routes to School Committee, which is tasked with implementing SRTS initiatives across the district. The Committee aims to meet six times per school year. If you'd like to participate, please reach out to Will at william.wlizlo@rpsmn.org. RPS is wrapping up a SRTS Engineering Study of the north parking lot and traffic environment near the STEM/RDLS campus. The goal is to identify solutions that will make the area more amenable and safe for walkers and bicyclists (as well as motorists). We're kicking off a pilot program of "Walking School Buses" at Centennial Elementary in October. The pilot will last through the end of the school year.

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Additionally, there are lots of other smaller projects in the works, including bicycle education for middle school pods, traffic control changes at busy intersections near schools, and plenty more.

Food Service Updates – Richfield Nutrition Services is adding new local vendors to promote October Local Food Month. After MEA we are adding Revol Greens which is a lettuce supplier from Medford, MN. We are also working with a couple of local apple providers and should be able to roll out local apples very soon.

COVID 19 Updates – Each Friday the district website will be updated to reflect current reported positive cases among students and staff during the given week. RPS team members continually revise the district comprehensive Covid Guide to reflect updates in MDH and MDE requirements relative to COVID-19 preparedness and response.

Human Resources Updates – 160 accommodation requests have been submitted.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Central staff love their new fence, thanks for Dan K and his team for installing this to create a safe greenspace for physical activity for preschool and youth classes while providing a barrier from the parking lot. Also, a big thank you to the maintenance team for adaptations at the pool for summer swim lessons (including a shower on deck!) to safely meet during this pandemic. 224 students were able to participate!

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

LOCATION: TBD

TIME: 7:15 AM