



**LNSU/LNMUUSD Safety & Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019**

Present: Jan Sander, Tina Lowe, Randy Katon, Bill Sander, Jeff Hunsberger, Brian Schaffer

J. Sander called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

J. Sander moved to approve the agenda and minutes from last month's meeting,

T. Lowe seconded and the motion passed.

The group welcomed Brian Schaffer. Brian addressed the group on the issue of vaping on the LUHS campus. There has been an explosion of usage since he last spoke to the board about it in January 2018. He explained these devices come in various sizes and shapes and in numerous flavors which appeal to teens. The devices are very discrete, some even shaped like thumb drives, which makes them difficult to detect. Also, the odor given off is masked by fruit, bubblegum, and vanilla scents. LUHS is working on training staff on how to recognize when these devices are being used as the security and surveillance on site is only somewhat helpful. The school will continue to educate students and staff on the dangers of vaping as well as other substance abuse issues.

Brian also explained the consequences when a student is accused. There are steps to ensure the claim is valid. If the offense is validated, there is no longer a period of out-of-school suspension. Restorative practices are used to ensure the student, while held accountable, is able to continue learning and still be a part of the Lancer community. We are still in early stages of intervention, but Brian is hopeful that with help from CHSLV (Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley) and efforts by administration and staff, we can make a positive leap in the right direction to address this ever increasing issue.

Brian is also collaborating on a grant that would make it possible to have an onsite substance abuse counselor again! J. Hunsberger explained that Child Protection Team meetings are being held at LUHS again. Any concerns brought forward about a child can be discussed only within the meeting, but is a great tool to get students and families help they may require for issues such as substance abuse, homelessness, food insecurity, etc.

The group thanked Brian for coming. Wendy Savery will attend next month's meeting to discuss the same issues at LUMS.

No other business.

J. Sander moved to adjourn at 5:54pm, T. Lowe seconded and the motion passed.