

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

A meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Health & Wellness Subcommittee was held in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the Reynolds Administration Building, on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

Chairperson Karen Cabral called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10.

Present:

Committee Members: Karen Cabral, Chairperson, Carly Reich, Sarah Bullard, Thomas (TJ) Del Santo, District Physical Education Department Head; Nancy Roberts, Nutritionist for Chartwells; Marc Roy, District Manager for Chartwells; Kimberley Orr, Alternate member from Chartwells; Julie Pirri, District Nurse Representative; Karin Wetherill, RI Healthy Schools Coalition
School Committee Members and Administrators: Diane Sanna, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent

I. DISCUSSION AND/OR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Welcome

Chairperson Cabral welcomed the members to the meeting.

B. Approval of the March 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Reich made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2022; seconded by Ms. Bullard. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Covid Updates

Ms. Pirri provided an update on COVID numbers and procedures. We currently have 6 positive cases reported in the district as compared with 75 cases on May 1. No action was taken.

C. Lunch Program

Chairperson Cabral facilitated a discussion on the Universal Free Lunch Program that is ending on June 30, 2022.

Ms Wetherill explained that the State of RI is considering use of ARP funds for universal free lunch.

Ms. Orr expressed her concern with the current process and the challenges and issues when feeding 100% of students and staff.

Mr. Roy suggested the federal govt lower the threshold for eligibility.

There was a general discussion of preparing a campaign to get families to complete the Free & Reduced (F&R) Lunch form, including some of the barriers to families to complete the form. Some families think that the form only needs to be filled out once. Others need help with filling it out.

All agreed that iInformation is needed for principals and secretaries, etc. regarding change and need for families to complete forms.

Committee members inquired about the status of the form on the District website and possible options to fill out electronically. It was suggested to put it on the homepage. It was unclear if families fill out through SchoolBucks. It is also unclear if the form will change re: income guidelines and district reimbursement

Mr. Roy stated that new info will be released on July 1, 2022.

There was a discussion on the loss of meals during the summer program. Ms. Wetherill will request that Jennifer Petrola from RIDE include the F&R form in Aspen so it can be updated each year rather than requiring families fill it out every year. The data could be downloaded for required reporting.

No action taken.

E. Department Updates

Mr. DelSanto reported that he is working with Dr. Lyons to create a Health Professions Education (HPE) Pathway to receive an endorsement on graduation diplomas. He shared his concerns with changes to graduation requirements and the process for changing those requirements. He discussed the 100 minutes minimum requirement, how the minutes will be distributed, and what the plan will look like for the next year.

He was also concerned with allowing participation in a varsity sport to meet the requirement for Physical Education, stating that he thinks it could be a violation of a law that requires HPE be taught by a certified HPE teacher. He noted that an

additional block may be needed. Ms. Bullard asked if students who are involved in multiple sports could take an online health class. Mr. DelSanto responded that there is the concern that other learning in HPE would be lost.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Reich made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Ms. Bullard. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Cabral adjourned the meeting at 5:19 PM.

Karen Cabral-Chair
Bristol Warren School District
Health & Wellness Committee