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**2020**

## **REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Health and Safety Committee (HSC) met on February 20, 2020 at 11:30 AM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in the Board Office Conference Room.

### **ATTENDEES**

#### Health and Safety Committee Members

Chairperson Melanie Bates, Eve Bolton, Ben Lindy

#### Administration/Staff

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent; Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent; Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer

#### Community Members/Parents/Students

Dureka Bonds; Anna Byers, Kate Eisenpress; Dave Hapner; Melissa McVay, City of Cincinnati City Planner; Susan Sprigg, Interact for Health

### **School Travel Plan**

Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer, together with Melissa McVay, City of Cincinnati City Planner, reported to the Committee that CPS is partnering with the City of Cincinnati to update the School Travel Plan and are meeting monthly. An advisory team is being formed to meet quarterly. The plan will be updated by December 2020.

As Chair of the HSC, Ms. Bates will be invited to join the advisory team; however, all Board members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Ms. McVay discussed Vision Zero with the Committee. The 2020 workplan will focus on three areas: schools and recreation areas, neighborhood districts, and top ten crash corridors. For all CPS schools, the City is reviewing crosswalks to convert them to zebra crossings, updating signage, adding speed humps or raised crosswalks. These are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2020.

The City will also be submitting a safety grant that will update school speed limit signs and flashers and also add advance warning signage. They will also be piloting a plan to add reflective strips on poles near crosswalks. Ms. McVay also reported the City is recommending Pedestrian Triggered Red Flashing Light Cameras.

The Committee discussed the planned collaboration between CPS and the City and what is needed for the next two years. Ms. McVay reported there will be more funding from State and Federal safety school grants.

Committee member Bolton reported that of the previous \$1 million grant, only \$500,000 was spent. She questioned what the City is doing in order to monitor the timelines and requested a list of what the City is doing. Ms. McVay will provide grant information to the Committee.

The Committee discussed having the City come to a Board meeting on a monthly or quarterly basis in order to update all Board members on the status of the safety plan. Committee Chair Bates stated that the HSC can receive the data during their monthly meetings, and then have the committee reports read at the full Board meeting.

ASSIGNMENT: The Committee advised the Administration to draft a resolution for presentation to the Board on March 2, 2020, advocating to the City a referendum for change in the City's Charter to allow red light cameras in school zones. Included in the resolution will be language to add the funding for the safety grant to be designated to the red light cameras.

Committee member Lindy recommended adding to the Strategic Plan, *Pedestrian Safety* under Measure 2.A of the Health and Safety Goal.

The Committee discussed that the request could be considered for adding in school year 2022. The conversation could begin about changing the definition and what is being measured for critical events. This will also provide time to track pedestrian safety data.

The Committee also discussed that revising the Strategic Plan would need to be a Board initiative.

### **Health and Safety Committee Mission Statement**

The Committee agreed with their following Health and Safety goal that is contained in the Strategic Plan.

*Health and Safety —We focus on personal well-being. (Goal 2)*

We will commit to putting the safety, physical, social, and emotional health of our students, staff, and partners at the forefront of everything we do.

### **Develop Committee Workplan**

The Committee discussed the Workplan and reported that some of the Student Achievement Committee responsibilities contained in Board bylaws have been moved to the Health and Safety Committee responsibilities.

Superintendent Mitchell informed the Committee about her "Priorities Goals Strategies Measurements (PGSM) chart." She will cross reference this chart with the creation of the HSC's workplan. She also updated the group on Ms. Trimble-Oliver's Positive School Culture (PSC)/Student Achievement Committee Workplan. The workplan will be formatted as a calendar.

Superintendent Mitchell and Chief Strategy Officer Trimble-Oliver will cross reference HSC's bylaws with the PGSM's and the PSC documents.

Committee member Bolton would like a discussion about the PGSM and PSC documents to take place at the March 19, 2020 HSC meeting. She also referenced as to where the responsibilities of social-emotional belong—either HSC or Student Achievement.

The Committee discussed including Health and Safety Measure 2.A: *Decrease the number of critical safety events*, into their workplan

## **Coordination of Community Pedestrian Safety Committees**

The Committee continued its broad conversation that took place at the HSC's January 23, 2020 Committee meeting about how to capture the various pedestrian safety groups within the City of Cincinnati.

The Committee discussed forming a Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee that would operate as a Steering Committee to align to the District's Audit Committee. The Sub-Committee would report to the HSC.

The group also discussed inviting members from the District's Safety Advisory Committee to be a part of the Pedestrian Safety Steering Committee, and appointing the HSC Chair to the Advisory Committee, as well as Board members attending the Steering Committee meetings, as preferred.

The Committee recommended that the first Steering Committee meeting take place in March 2020.

The Committee reviewed the following list of community members interested in serving on a Pedestrian Safety Steering Committee.

- Derek Bauman
- Heather Gerker, Strive Partnership
- Adelyn Hall, Community Learning Center Institute
- David Hapner, CPS Substitute Teacher
- Cam Hardy
- Sara Henry, Mt. Washington Community Council
- Howard Konicov, Professor of Sustainable Transportation
- Greg Landsman, City Councilman
- Melissa McVay, City of Cincinnati City Planner
- Mike Moroski, Board Member
- Lauren Obrien
- Michaela Oldfield, Green Umbrella
- Kendra Phelps, CFT
- Leslie Rich
- Craig Rozen, Community Member
- Julie Sellers, CFT President
- Josselyn Taylor
- Dameta Wright
- Health and Wellness Committee. Dr. Jennifer Williams
- The Early Late Start Times group. Jilda Vargas

## **Other Business**

### **Clark Montessori Security Cameras**

David Hapner informed the HSC about security cameras only capturing shadows of vandalism that took place at Clark Montessori. Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer, reported that additional patrols have been ordered until the cameras have been repaired.

### **Mental Health Services at William Howard Taft Elementary School**

Committee Chair Bates reported that a community member contacted her about the lack of mental health services being provided at the William Howard Taft Elementary School, and referenced the Strategic Plan in relation to the concern.

The Administration reported that mental health service agencies are short staffed and that the Children's Home is providing service to the school.

ASSIGNMENT: The HSC will recommend to the Board that the Administration review the consistency and comprehensiveness of mental health services that are being provided via vendors through Mind Peace.

ASSIGNMENT: The Committee recommended that Growing Well attend the HSC meetings on a monthly basis.

ASSIGNMENT: The Committee advised Interact for Health to update the HSC about the State's "Healthy Student Profile Requirements at the March 19, 2020, HSC meeting.

Walnut Hills Concern

A Community member expressed concern about a threat to the Walnut Hills principal.

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Health and Safety Committee

Melanie Bates, Chair

Eve Bolton

Ben Lindy

Staff Liaisons

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent

Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent

Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer