STMA Schools

Health and Safety Minutes
Wednesday October 2, 2024

Albertville Primary
None

Big Woods
Corey Hanson – Physical Education

Community Education Center
Lisa Becker – Kids Play Coordinator

District Office
Jason Bichler – B&G
Rick Aulwes – B&G Coordinator
Josh Reyo - Maintenance
Jeff Blake – Grounds
Doug Birk – Human Resources
Michelle Neu – Human Resources

St. Michael Elementary
Kay Nowell – Q Comp

Health
None

High School
Joe Peatrowsky - Science

Fieldstone Elementary
Jeanette Aanerud - Principal

Middle School East
Gerald Bade - Custodial

Middle School West
Ryan Antony - AD & Dean

Other
Mary Ferrian – IEA
Faith Breeden – IEA
Steve Lichtenberg - SFM

Approve April 2024 Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes were approved by the committee.

Review Injury Reports

- Since the start of the new school year, September 8th, we had one medical loss. This injury is a student-staff related trip and fall while running. It is encouraged that staff do not run during their work hours.

Old Business

- ADA Access to HS Health Services
  - Accessible doorways have been installed for HS Health Services.
- New Playground Equipment at BW/STME/AP
  - The old playground equipment was demolished in June and the new playground equipment has been installed.
- New Door Protocols at HS
  - Door C near the activity center will now remain locked.
- AP and STME Parking Lots

- The new parking lots at AP and STME are complete. The district will continue renovating the parking lots within the district over the next 4-5 years.

- Special Education Bathroom Remodel at MSW
  - The bathroom in the special education area has been remodeled to include a changing table and other accessible features.

- Weight Room Expansion at MSE
  - The weight room expansion at MSE is complete.

New Business

- Custodial Training
  - Annual custodial training on OSHA safety training topics will occur over MEA break. This will also include hands-on fire extinguisher training. SFM may attend future custodial trainings.

- Playground Inspections
  - Playground inspections are conducted annually to summarize maintenance and repairs necessary to maintain a safe environment for students. Inspections were completed on August 21 and August 22. The reports with corrective actions have been shared with maintenance and grounds and repairs are in progress.

- Radon and Lead in Water Projects
  - IEA will be conducting lead in water sampling at 4 buildings (HS, FE, STME, and CE) on November 12 and November 13. IEA will draw water samples in the early morning before they are used for the day. These samples will be tested for lead to ensure all potable water fixtures have a lead in water content below the MDH/MDE threshold of 5 ppb. Previous testing at other district buildings showed that all fixtures were below this threshold.
  - Radon testing will be conducted in January at 4 buildings (HS, FE, STME, and CE). Radon testing includes hanging test kits on the walls of occupied spaces. Testing will occur in all occupied spaces below or at ground level and 10% of upper rooms. The threshold for remediation and retesting is 4 picocuries per liter. Information regarding testing and test kits will be sent out to all staff prior to testing.

- Hazardous Waste Pickup
  - Hazardous waste pickups are completed annually over the summer. This past pickup included science chemicals from HS and light bulbs and lamps. Every year, emails are sent out to departments to determine if they have chemicals or products present that needs to be disposed of as hazardous materials.

- Fume Hood, Science Lab, and Eyewash/Shower Inspections
  - IEA will be conducting fume hood, science lab, and eyewash/shower inspections at the high school and both middle schools. Fume hoods will be tested to ensure air flow is within the recommended range of 80-150 fpm. Science lab inspections are done as part of a fire marshal requirement. Eyewash/shower inspections are conducted to ensure OSHA compliance. Staff should continue to inspect their eyewash/shower stations weekly.

- SFM Signs – Winter Slip & Fall Safety
  - SFM signs for winter slip and fall safety have been ordered and will be put up around the district as winter weather approaches.

- SFM Safety Slip and Fall Grant
  - SFM offers a safety slip and fall grant that provides 50% matching up to $2,000. This grant was previously used for shoe traction and a salt machine. This year, the grant will be used to purchase a new supply of shovels for the district.

- Summer Field Turf G-Max Testing
  - Turf field testing is conducted annually to measure the hardness of the field. Harder surfaces increase the likelihood of serious injury and concussions due to falls. Softer surfaces can lead to soft tissue injuries. IEA measures the hardness of the field and takes infill depth measurements. These results are shared with the maintenance team to conduct additional maintenance required beyond routine grooming of the field.

- Classroom Doors and Windows

- The HS science pod is currently receiving quotes to add magnets to their doors. This will be discussed further in future meetings.
- The third-floor business pods and FACS rooms also do not have magnets on their doors. This will be discussed further as a potential project.
- There is potential that windows on the second and third floor classrooms will have their windows replaced or upgraded. This will be a discussion point in future meetings.

- Door Additions at HS
  - The district is currently getting quotes to add additional doors at the high school to segment the large hallway to increase fire safety and to limit access from the activity center to the rest of the building during events.

Open Discussion

- Safety Committee Improvements
  - Jason Bichler would like all committee members to think of ways to enhance our safety committee to spread awareness throughout the district. This will continue to be a discussion topic during safety committee meetings.

- Water Spill Hazards
  - Committee members have seen water spills throughout all buildings recently. This could be contributed to the large water bottles that are used by students and staff throughout the district. It is encouraged that staff do not leave to gather materials to clean up the spill. It is recommended that a staff member stay near the spill to prevent others from falling while custodial or other staff members arrive to clean up the spill.

If you have health and safety questions or suggestions – feel free to contact your buildings safety committee representative!

Next Meeting: 12/4/2024
Location: Middle School West Staff Development Room
Time: 3:30 p.m.