



GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District Safety, Wellness and Climate Committee

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Future Meeting Dates for the 24-25 School Year:

- 10/24/24
- 11/21/24
- 01/23/25
- 02/27/25
- 03/27/25
- 04/24/25
- 05/29/25

Location: Superintendent's Office, 8:00 a.m.

**Co-Chairs: Steve Cravinho, Director of Campus-wide Athletics & Activities
Katy Sawaryn, Assistant Director of Student Services**

TOPIC	NOTES
Introductions, Meeting Schedule, & Ensuring Appropriate Representation	Katy Sawaryn- co-chair Steve Cravinho- co-chair Present: Katy Sawaryn, Assistant Director of Student Services Jim Collins, Director of Security Art Howe, GHS Associate Principal

	Stephanie Bibeau, GHS Nurse Glenn LaBossiere, Assistant Superintendent Renee Normandie, Nurse Supervisor Sarah McEwen, GES Nurse Aimee Boyd-Hall, GES Interventionist Tom O'Connor, Director of Food Services Chris Champlin, Director of Student Services Dan Anderson, HD Segur, Insurance Consultant Rebecca Brigner, GMS Social Worker Tina Falck, Griswold First Selectwoman Sean McKenna, Superintendent T. Dexter, UCFS
Looping from Last Year: What was accomplished and what needs to be addressed this Year?	Sean reviewed the accomplishments from last year
School Climate Data Presentation to BOE	Sean reviewed climate data that was presented to the BOE 9/12/24
School Drill Plans Plans have been updated	School drill plans have been updated and submitted to the state. Jim Collins reported GES completed a successful fire drill yesterday.
Policy Updates Annual Policy Notifications Title IX	Chris reviewed our annual policy notification and updated Title IX policies. Additional trainings have been provided to staff.
DPAC Presentation on Cellphone Use in Public Schools - Wednesday, 10/9 @ 7:00 p.m. - Panel discussion - Zoom format--zoom link DPAC	Panel on cellphone use in public schools Meeting is at 7pm through Zoom format. The book, The Anxious Generation will be referenced, guest speakers from another district are anticipated.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88070442633?pwd=THsDS0poLqAaEE4MzMQxuewaRDC6WT.1 Meeting ID: 880 7044 2633 Passcode: 687464	More info at https://www.griswoldpublicschools.org/community/district-partnership-advisory-council
Student Services Updates	Chris Champlin provided updates from student services/special education. He noted that it was a smooth opening to the school. He mentioned the new legislation that has passed--in that we are implementing the different new laws impacting schools. He discussed how we are focusing on attendance, given the chronic absenteeism concerns at the state and at the district level.
Updates from the Town	Tina Falck provided an update on the 164 project--this project involves the sewer work, which is underway. The Town is working on a water project. The Senior Center is still a way to help families with fuel and energy costs. Selectwoman Falck will continue with providing meals for the community--individuals can reach out to Tina, if they know of a family, to let her know. Tina continues with the Alzheimer's support groups on Saturdays--she would like to forge a partnership with the school. There is a prospective developer looking at the old St. Mary's school in downtown

	Jewett City. Tina mentioned that there will be future work on playgrounds in town.
Griswold PRIDE Updates (Miranda Mahoney)	Miranda was not in attendance. Potential PD for staff at GHS regarding use of 211/911 services.
Roundtable/Ideas for Future Meetings	Facilities: Building checklists were passed by BOE and were submitted to the state. Checklist was posted to the GPS website Glenn mentioned that we are working on our safety manual with Jim Collins, Director of Security. Tom O'Connor mentioned that his department is implementing new regulations from the state of Connecticut. We are seeking better ideas of how to improve district wellness. A new version of the WellSAT survey is coming soon. Art Howe mentioned that GHS is working with Miranda Mahoney on potential PD for faculty and staff. He also mentioned that we have a District Attendance committee that's closely reviewing practices. Chris mentioned that DCF has picked up more attendance referrals. Renee mentioned that the nurses have new staff members. She indicated that physicals and immunizations are in good shape.