

New Hartford Public Schools
Wellness Subcommittee Meeting

April 9, 2026

Ann Antolini Elementary School

3:30 pm

Minutes

4.9.26

Present: Kelly Carroll, Michael Lynch, Acacia Ransom, Erik Perotti, Brandy Newman

Absent: Penny Miller, Deb Marciano

1. Review of previous meeting
 - a. BASES aftercare: Following healthy food guidelines? *BASES does not follow the healthy food guidelines because they are separate from food services.*
 - b. Nutrition Education next steps: *Wellness curriculum will be reviewed over the course of next year. Education through partnership with the cafeteria staff and local produce.*
 - c. Employee Wellness: *Consider alignment/partnership with school climate committees for student-staff sports games. Offering Healthtrax membership discount to all staff. Consider getting lap trackers for kids. Consider a school wide step count competition. Consider ways to incorporate physical activity into wellness class.*
2. Revision of Wellness Guidelines for classroom celebrations
 - a. There have been zero orders for party food this year.
 - b. Revisions to Wellness Guidelines for Classroom Celebrations:
 - i. *The committee all in favor of not including food in any classroom celebrations.*
 - ii. *Admin will discuss guidance for other food allowances ie. field day popsicles, curriculum based food experiences; special events*