

Health and Safety Committee Minutes

May 6th started at 5:40 pm

HS Board Room

In attendance: Kim Bernstein, Mike Haberman, Laura Halvorson (chair) and principal Joel Bickford

1. SafeSport or similar –

Framework for coaches, athletes, parents

Discussion that now is the time to set policies and training procedures so that all coaches, athletes and athlete parents know what the expectations are and what is/is not allowed for all who participate with Bottineau athletics.

Mr. Bickford informed the committee of an impact test for concussions and would like to see the district implement this for all athletes, possibly for all students 7-12. Computerized test to get a baseline, group pricing available.

2. Update from Wellness Committee

Committee is implementing activities from the District Wellness Plan including:

Infused water a big hit at Parent Teacher conferences and now offered during lunch time

District website has health and wellness information including recipes and links to other sites

Dawn Allard, Kelly Olson and Laura Halvorson met with staff at DCB ECH to discuss the potential for a Farm to School partnership.

3. Youth Risk Survey

a. ID students who would benefit from mentor and connect to mentors –

Mr. Bickford reported on what the district is already doing:

“Positive Peers” has been helpful but faces some challenges including needing more consistency, needing more student leadership, some students choosing not to participate, and issues with space and time constraints.

Mental Health presentation on suicide prevention at the High School this spring.

Wednesday mornings should serve as a place/time for students to get time with a teacher.

When there is an at-risk student, the administration will ask their 2nd or 3rd period teacher to keep an eye on them and reach out to them.

b. Bullying

To learn more about bullying that is occurring the committee would like to ask the 'Stand for the Silent' group to do an activity to highlight when/where bullying is occurring.

The committee would like to conduct a student survey grades 5-12 about bullying. Principal Bickford recommended having the stats class compile the data and present findings to the staff and students. Administration would address problem areas.

c. Vaping

New product being researched by administration. It would detect vaping vapors in locker rooms and bathrooms. Committee suggested that it is well worth the price.

d. Staffing needs

Got input from Mr. Bickford on SRO and a Mental Health Professional and the benefits of these positions.

4. Other...None

Minutes submitted by Laura Halvorson

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