

## RCSS School Health Advisory Council Minutes

**Meeting Date:** March 23, 2021

**Location:** Virtual Zoom Meeting

### **Council Members Present:**

Edwina Ashworth (Executive Director of Administrative Services for Students and Driver Education); Dale Brinkley (Executive Director of Operations); Greg Brewer (Safety Compliance Officer); Wendy Kennon (PE/Health Ed. Supervisor); Monica Hurley (School Nurse); Susan Robbins (School Social Worker); Jayme Robertson (School Nutrition Asst. Director); Eric Johnson (Principal-WHS); Eric Gee (Asst. Principal-ATMS); Larry Chappell (Director of Instructional Support Services-Title II/Title V); Kelley Green (Director - Child Nutrition Services)

### **Minutes:**

Edwina Ashworth called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Introduction of new members: Eric Johnson, Principal at Wheatmore High School and Dale Brinkley, Executive Director of Operations.

### **Old Business:**

Mrs. Ashworth reviewed the three goals adopted by the council last year.

1. Increase the importance of wellness to students and staff.
2. Focus on the social and emotional needs of students and staff.
3. Increase resources for drug awareness: e-cigarettes/vaping.

### **New Business:**

The Student Health Advisory Council agreed that we continue working toward completion of these goals.

1. Continue to increase the importance of wellness to students and staff.
2. Continue to focus on the social and emotional needs of students and staff.
3. Continue to increase resources for drug awareness: e-cigarettes/vaping

### **Round Table Discussion:**

The Randolph County School System has established a monthly professional development through Canvas on Social/Emotional Learning for all staff.

Mr. Brinkley continues to send Wellness emails monthly to all staff. Child nutrition has increased the number of meals being sent home and meals for students enrolled in full-remote learning.

All schools in our system are following Randolph County Health Department screening protocol as each student and staff member enters the school buildings. Temperatures are taken, Covid related questions are asked and every student and staff member are required to wear a face covering at all times.

The Randolph County School System approved and brought in the use of North Carolina grown ground beef to use for meal preparation and this will continue through next school year. Child nutrition staff receives a monthly motivational newsletter that focuses on team building.

Schools participated in Red Ribbon week with various activities for students. DARE Programs were taught by the Randolph County Sheriff's Department to 5th at all elementary schools. National Prevention Week is in May.

Referral numbers are significantly down for vaping and e-cigarettes. This number is likely impacted because middle and high school students have not been on campus full time.

There are various educational opportunities to participate in safety courses for all staff. These courses cover all safety platforms.

We are anticipating an extension on the WELLSAT assessment tool this year, as we have not heard anything regarding its completion or extension. Our objective will be to make a plan/prepare in early September and roll out the assessment to school principals for input.

As a result of Governor Coopers' upcoming mandates regarding Covid, that will take effect on 3-26-21 at 5:00 pm, the Randolph County School System will be relieved of the required screenings upon entrance to school buildings. Dr. Gainey sent an email to all staff members detailing all that this mandate encompasses and requires. Although restrictions are being lifted, there are still expectations such as a required face covering and social distancing of 3 feet.

**Next Meeting:** April 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM \*This will be a virtual meeting through Zoom\*

Meeting Adjourned.