

RCSS School Health Advisory Council Minutes

Meeting Date: April 21, 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); Susan Robbins (School Social Worker); Wendy Kennon (PE/Health Ed. Supervisor); Monica Hurley (School Nurse); Jayme Robertson (School Nutrition Asst. Director); Eric Johnson (Principal-WHS); Eric Gee (Asst. Principal-ATMS); Kelly Green (Director - Child Nutrition Services)

Minutes:

Edwina Ashworth called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Mrs. Ashworth reviewed the three goals adopted by the council last year and asked if anyone had any comments on these items.

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.

No comments from members.

New Business:

1. Mental Health Initiative: Effective July 1, 2021
 - Professional development required for staff directly involved w/ students (includes administrator's, teachers, TA's, social worker's, counselors, etc.)
 - 6 hours professional development required 1st year; and 2 hours with each proceeding year
 - Topics include: Youth Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Substance Abuse, Teenage Dating Violence, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, Sex Trafficking Prevention
 - How much could we utilize current trainings on areas listed above to accommodate professional development requirements
 - How would this training be provided? Comments by members suggested it would be best to provide in segments in hopes to provide more meaningful training in lieu of adding the training to the beginning of the year and it becoming a "checkbox" item;

- Members suggested Canvas was a helpful tool in SEL trainings provided to staff this year and may be beneficial in this program as well
 - Core SEL Plan (all courses, all staff, MTSS)
 - Suicide Risk Protocol
 - MOU
2. Goals for 2021-2022 School Year:
- The Student Health Advisory Council agreed that we continue working toward completion of these goals with minor modifications:
 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
 - Eric Johnson Comments: Goals need to continue to focus on items listed below with minor changes to accommodate new mental health initiative and SEL requirements. Still areas of improvement especially #3 in high schools – still a problem in RCSS.
 - Support for substance abuse when suspended – JCPC?
 - Members agreed.

Round Table Discussion:

Greg Brewer – June-August

Updates to 1910 OSHA, 1926 Construction OSHA (ladders and fall protection), NRPA (playgrounds – revisions, small funding)

Dale Brinkley –

Internet/online safety – provided by media specialists? Gaggle software – professional development required for teachers especially for English teachers. Could this be included in the mental health initiative (self-study that is a part of the 6 hr professional development).

Eric Gee –

Trainings on bomb threats – protocols and procedures (logistics) for administration. Focal points have been active shooters and it's been several years since these procedures were reviewed even though they are in place at each school.

Edwina –

Will revise 2021-2022 goals to reflect suggestions listed earlier and email out to SHAC members for approval.

Asked for approval on 2021-2022 SHAC Meeting dates – no issues from members at this time. Need more community involvement and staff involvement in this committee – esp a health/P.E teacher. Reach out if you know anyone.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.