

WESTERLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Babcock Hall Room 111
23 Highland Avenue
Westerly, RI 02891

Health and Wellness Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020
5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting
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Meeting ID: 268 576 1891

Minutes

1. Call to Order

D. Bowdy called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present in addition to D. Bowdy were A. Storey, J. Perrin, M. Killoy, M. Ogle, M. Herard, T. Castagna, C. Speranza, C. Buxton, C. Parise, M. Chicas, S. Ljunberg, K. Wetherill.

2. Approval of Minutes from 2-11-20

S. Ljungberg made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by C. Parise. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

3. Westerly Prevention and Wellness Partnership Update

A Iadevaia was unable to attend but provided info read by Diane as follows:

Activity books were distributed to children receiving free lunches; about 200 more books are available. Positive messaging lawn signs are also available; anyone interested may contact Ashley directly.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

a. Food Service Report

M. Herard reported that meals (both sandwiches and heat-up) continue to be distributed at Jonnycake, Bradford Citizens Club, Springbrook and Tower Street. Approximately 200 meals are being distributed (or delivered when recipients lack transportation). There will be a one-week break in meal service before it resumes with the summer program on June 29 (service at school gyms and Westerly Public Library). Alicia praised Monique and Christine Miller for their tireless efforts to ensure the success of this program.

b. Mental Health Resources during Distance Learning and Covid 19

Alicia spoke about the wide range of mental health services being offered to both students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Social workers are interacting with students both individually and in group settings. Human Resources is assisting employees by providing information and guidance. The liaison for homeless students is ensuring connections. Our School Nurse Teachers are providing information and resources to students, families and staff. Many teachers have made home visits to their students.

6. Future Agenda Items

None

7. Other

Alicia mentioned that there will be stakeholders' meetings organized around the topic of reopening our buildings for the 2020-2021 school year. Anyone on the Health & Wellness Subcommittee who is interested in participating should send an email to Alicia.

The next Health & Wellness Subcommittee meeting will be held on September 22, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

8. J. Perrin made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm; seconded by T. Castagna. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Chiaradio Bowdy, Chair
Health & Wellness Subcommittee