

Health and Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

September 26, 2023 at 5pm; SBO 1st floor Conference Room

Minutes

In Attendance (in person unless noted virtual [V]):

Casey Morrison, Mary Fisher, Kim Clift, Sarah Lenker-V, Gayle Hock, Stacey Crombie, Brenda Bradshaw- V, Anita Davis, Rod Shriver- V, Kristi Brouillette-V, Loni DelGrande- V, Sally Preuss-V, Bart Nave-V, Matthew Russell (representing David Moody)

Old Business:

- New Legislation-
 - Immunization Requirements- in school clinics held at KGMS and KGHS by RAHD. Anticipating 2 clinics this school year
 - Narcan-
 - Policy- Naloxone policies created for KGCS based on Virginia Code and used examples from Spotsylvania Public Schools, Stafford County Public Schools and Fredericksburg City Public Schools were shared with the committee. Committee reviewed policy, vote taken with unanimous agreement to present policy to KGCS School Board for review. REVIVE training will be scheduled through RAHD and staff will be invited to participate after School Board votes on Narcan policy if applicable.
 - DITEP training- This summer in Dallas, TX Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals was completed by Casey Morrison, Nurse Lead and Kristi Brouillette, KGMS Nurse. There is a PowerPoint training for the KGCS school nurses to review and a drug impairment assessment form was created for use by school nurses throughout the division.
- Safety
 - Concussion Committee Update- Return to Learn and Return to Play criteria reviewed by concussion subcommittee this summer and included in the Athletic handbook.
 - Heat Illness-
 - Kits- Committee was shown the kits that were put together with input from the April 2023 meeting. Cooler backpacks with heat reduction supplies were made and distributed to all KGCS schools. Title IV funds used to implement this project.
 - Weather Monitoring System- Mr. Hoiler, KGHS Athletic Director, sent information to the committee regarding the current weather monitoring system used at KGHS for athletics. The system is Perry Weather and is subscription based. Mrs. Fisher would like to verify if this system follows the guidelines set forth by VHSL, SMAC and OSHA. Mr. Russell inquired whether the subscription is good for the district for use at every school or if it is per school. He would also like to know if the monitoring system considers natural grass vs. turf when reporting field temperatures. Mrs. Fisher stated that currently KGCS should be using wet bulb for guidance regarding the temperature.

- Annual Budget- State budget has been approved. Governor Youngkin to hold a meeting on Sept. 27 regarding “All In” program. New budget may affect availability of nursing positions.
- Title IV- Mary Fisher gave updates on the Title IV grant for KGCS. Title IV paid for the Heat Illness Kits, and can potentially support other programs for student safety and well-rounded students. Volunteers are requested for a subcommittee that meets several times a year.

New Business:

- New Legislation
 - SB1359- Threat Assessment Team
 - KGCS has TAT teams at each school, training is offered. 5-6 KGCS staff members to attend the National conference in VA Beach in October 2023.
 - SB1453- AED
 - KGCS has multiple AED machines in each building in the division. All machines are now the most updated version after Workforce Grant funds were used to replace outdated, discontinued models. 2 additional machines purchased, locations to best serve the community TBD. AED trainers and CPR feedback mannequins ordered but on backorder as of the meeting.

Presentation:

- Ms. Davis provided updates on Wellness Plan. Rev Your Bev campaign a success at KGHS. The grant provided ability to purchase refillable water bottles for students at KGHS along with clear containers for infused water. The water filling stations at KGHS need replacing due to age and disrepair of several machines, Ms. Davis would like to see them replaced with the version of bottle filling stations that the rest of the division received. Currently KGHS has filler spouts that were retrofitted onto existing water fountains, the silver hooks are often broken off by students, leaving sharp metal edges exposed. She states that Mr. Watson, KGHS principal, agrees with trying to replace the filling stations. The Wellness Plan may be amended, Governor Youngkin has not released guidance as of the meeting date.

PD-16 and VDOE updates:

- Casey Morrison provided updates from the PD-16 meeting. Community levels of Strep infections, flu, COVID are on the rise. Dr. Bradshaw gave a presentation to the PD-16 meeting attendees on exclusion criteria for common childhood illnesses based on guidelines from AAP. The criteria match the KGCS protocols for keeping a student home for illness. New shipments of COVID tests were delivered and are available for distribution upon request by staff and students.

Open Floor:

- Ms. Hock thanked the committee for their efforts and for welcoming her to the group last school year. She informed us that the committee will have a different school board member assigned in December and that her term will be ending. The committee wished Ms. Hock well and thanked her for her service to the committee and KGCS community.