

Health and Wellness Committee, Botelle School
Meeting Minutes

Botelle Board of Education Room & Zoom
October 7, 2020

Present: Keondra Dillard, RN, Caitlin Chabot, Virginia Coleman-Prisco, EdD, Mary Beth Iacobelli, EdD, Lauren Valentino

Absent: Donna Rubin

Call to order at 8:39am

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discuss and explore what is this committee's role going forward? Should we consider regulations and policies?
 - a. CAFE has a compliance policy along with CDC guidelines. Admins monitor and report. M. Iacobelli meets with superintendents and Torrington Health for updates and communication. CDC definition of close contact is min 15 minutes within 6 feet of someone who tests positive. As of meeting date, there are NO active cases in Norfolk and no secondary indicators as of now. We are in constant contact with the health department to maintain compliance. L. Valentino reports that the parent survey responses were positive and parents are comfortable with school communication. Also, the Norfolk community has members on Botelle's Health & Safety committee and have two way communications.
 - b. This committee agrees to adding a standing agenda item for COVID updates each month.

2. The committee will continue to Review/Revise Health and Wellness Policy for possible update & discuss reviewed federal guidelines on healthy nutrition in the school setting in Fall 2020. Due to COVID, the process has been delayed. The committee will also review
 - a. L. Valentino has been communicating with staff in regards to not using sweets as rewards in the student handbook.
 - b. Wellness policies (state & local) - Administration have copies. EdAdvance is leading all food services in Botelle now.
 - c. Healthy snacks - L. Valentino added a section In student handbook that also highlights bringing in water bottles for water and not juice.

d. Social distancing/ lunch room: The revised process is going well in regards to seating charts, smaller lunch waves, outside eating option, etc. The children are compliant with the guidelines.

e. V. Coleman-Prisco will go through the working school policy document and finalize revisions to present to the committee and Board of Education in November meetings.

3. Review and discuss the most recent parent survey results. Discuss if this committee can/should follow up.
 - a. C. Chabot reported on the survey results. The survey results revealed that parents feel like staff communicate well, know who to contact, communication is timely, and are satisfied with responses. Email is the preferred form of communication, followed by texts, & weekly newsletters. Parents believe that the amount of communication is just right and feel that the children are safe. Most people are concerned about positive COVID cases. 55% have no concerns, 30% are concerned about positive covid cases, and some are concerned about masks. Social emotional statuses are the main concern, less so academic status & health/safety.

4. Receive an update on Brooker Memorial's program for Botelle School.
 - a. K. Dillard spoke with Brooker Memorial and they aren't running their program at this time. They are looking to include virtual education components or send information directly to the schools. Some good news is that they added Botelle to the grant & Botelle is covered for the grant. However, there isn't a date to resume service. As of now, if families have hardship, the school can help get dental services. Norfolk NET & other foundations have indicated that families can get financial support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29am.