

**LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013
LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Anne Roll, co-chair, at 8 AM.

New and returning members were welcomed and introductions were made.

Jan Boucher reported that school nurses met to review the district policies that may need revisions. They have a few minor adjustments and will get the report to Eileen for consideration by the School Committee.

Superintendent Fortunato updated the committee on the status of the district's Bullying Task Force. Each school has selected a representative for the Task Force. Each school will submit a copy of incident reports and bullying updates to Principals and the Superintendent. Schools will go over procedures with parents. Reports of bullying may now be made anonymously on line.

Mary Anne provided background information on the importance of school breakfast program and suggestions for improving participation to the Committee. Georgia agreed to share the information with all principals and include it on the agenda for her monthly meetings with building principals.

Mary Anne indicated that the last piece of the District's review of its Wellness Policy remaining completion is the development of an evaluation tool. There is a rather lengthy checklist tool that principals could use, similar to the one we have used in the past. It is lengthy. Mary Anne will work with Andrew Viveiros and Jim Frost to complete a draft for review at the next meeting .

Rosemary Reilly-Chammat from the RI Department of Education spoke to the Committee about an opportunity for Lincoln to participate with up to 15 other Rhode Island districts in a five-year CDC funded grant to support healthy youth development. The focus of the work would be at the high school level. Members of the committee expressed concerns over the current demands on the Health and PE Curricula given the time allocated to each. Ms. Reilly indicated that the needs of each of the participating districts vary. Participation in this collaborative effort would provide Lincoln with an opportunity to assess what is currently working for us in terms of meeting the needs of our students as well as to consider ways in which we might work more effectively in this important area so critical to the academic success of our students.

Mary Ann McComiskey, LHS Social Worker and Rhoda Sexton, Lincoln High School Nurse expressed interest and agreed to participate with the state-wide SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee). The Committee agreed to sign-on to this partnership opportunity with RIDE. The first year will be a planning year and the initial meeting of representatives from participating districts will take place in the Spring.

The Committee agreed to meet again on Wednesday, February 26th at 8:00 at LHS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Submitted

Patricia Ann Kilsey