Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A

Wellness Committee Meeting

Updated Minutes for January 25, 2010

Committee Members Present:	Lynn Barry	Mary Hately	Gail Nacker
	Jeanne Duffy	Becky Jones	Bev O'Rozco
	Debby Dvorak	Jill Maduros	Gina Rodewald
	Mary Gricus	Joanne Mitchell	Teresa Wise

Meeting began at 4:07 p.m. in the River Valley 4th Grade Pod.

A. **Timeline for Food Allergy Guidelines Committee**

Dr. Gricus shared information about the Illinois State Board of Education's timeline regarding the new requirements related to food allergies in schools (Public Act 96-0349). By July 1, 2010, the Illinois State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health, shall make available to each school board guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies developed by an ad hoc committee. By Jan. 1, 2011, each school board shall implement policy based on these guidelines. Also, at least every two years, an in-service training program for school personnel who work with students must be conducted by persons with expertise in anaphylactic reactions and management. In light of this timeline, a subcommittee of the Wellness Committee will convene in August, 2010, to develop and recommend policies and procedures based on the ISBE's guidelines to our Board of Education.

B. **Subcommittee to Work with Fundraising Groups on Procedures for Sale of Food Items in Fundraisers and at Extra-curricular and Evening Events**

Committee members discussed the timeline for initiating this subcommittee. The committee members agreed that the subcommittee should begin to meet in late February or early March so that the fundraising groups have adequate time to plan for 2010-2011. Subcommittee members will include: Gina Rodewald, representatives from each school's PTA, ~~representative/s from the Band Boosters, the Old Quarry Activities Director and the sponsors from all of the school clubs/organizations that engage in fundraising (i.e., Student Council, National Junior Honor Society).~~ a nurse from one of our schools and one of Old Quarry's administrators. Dr. Gricus will schedule the first meeting and invite all participants. The goals of the subcommittee will be to review the recommendations of the National Institute of Medicine (CDC) for food at after school events, brainstorm ideas for healthy fundraising alternatives and make recommendations to the Board regarding guidelines for food in fundraising and extracurricular events.

C. **Feedback Process and Survey Regarding Approved Food Lists**

The committee members began to outline possible content for the survey that will seek feedback from staff and parents regarding the approved food lists for snacks and birthdays/celebrations. The committee will continue to generate ideas for the survey. The goal is to post the survey on the website in early April so that the committee has adequate time to analyze the feedback before the end of the school year. Jill Maduros, Oakwood PTA, noted that the Oakwood principal and PTA plan to implement new procedures for the upcoming Valentine's Day parties. Jill explained that the PTA has informed the room parents that the PTA will purchase snacks for the Valentine's Day parties to alleviate questions regarding allowable foods. The Oakwood PTA will report back to the committee about the results of this plan.

D. **Wellness Plan for 2009-2012**

Committee members discussed specific plans for their respective schools to implement the activities listed in the 2009-2010 timeline within the Wellness Plan. Plans will be discussed with building principals and staff to ensure that the activities listed for 2009-2010 are completed prior to the end of the school year.

E. **Board Presentation Plan**

Committee members who will be presenting the program evaluation and updated Wellness Plan to the Board of Education outline the contents of the presentation. This small group will meet separately before the February board meetings to complete the presentation.

Next Committee Meeting: February 23, 2010

Meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.