

Seymour Board of Education



NUTRITION, HEALTH, & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 14, 2019
Seymour Middle School
7:00 p.m.

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 1/17/19
TIME: 2:20pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Christopher Champagne
Ed Hendricks
Fred Stanek (7:10p.m.-7:55p.m.)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Wilson, Superintendent
Jen Magri, Board of Education Chairman
Cindy Brooks, Director of Food Services
Jim Freund, Principal SHS
Bernadette Hamad, Principal SMS
Pat Boyle, Board Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Dr. Hendricks called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Unpaid Meal Balances

Mrs. Brooks states the letters from her regarding unpaid meal balances are not working and seeks the committee member's ideas on how to collect the money. As of the meeting, \$1397.00 is owed by students. One family owes over \$350.00. Mr. Champagne suggested when a certain threshold is reached going to the alternate lunch. The committee and Mrs. Brooks do not want to punish the students for the parents not paying. She wanted to remind the committee that any unpaid balances on June 30th are the responsibility of the Board. Dr. Hendricks and Mr. Wilson will look at the draft letter that was sent out to see if they can make it more stringent. Mr. Stanek said if this doesn't work you could look into small claims court proceedings for the larger amounts. Mrs. Magri offered to send the letters from the Board of Education.

B. Drills

1. Active Shooter, Feedback from Students
2. Emergency Situations-Who is in Charge?

C. School Resource Officers Update on Numbers and Availability

Dr. Hendricks stated that since Mr. Kearns was unable to attend this meeting. B1, B2, and C would be tabled at this time. The committee would schedule a time to meet with Mr. Kearns and report back on these issues.

D. Vaping in Schools

1. Seymour High School-Jim Freund

Mr. Freund said that vaping is a real concern in the high school. He said that the vape juice can have alcohol or cannabis added to the fluid. The Jules are not detected by the current detectors. Dr. Hendricks stated that his research indicates they are more addictive than cigarettes and that many towns are raising the age of purchase to 21. Mr. Champagne asked what the punishment for vaping in school is at this time. Mr. Freund says first offense, confiscate the vape and call the parents to come pick it up. Second offense, confiscate and one day of ISS. Third offense, confiscate the device and you don't get it back. The police used to fine the students \$75.00 and if the student was older than 18, \$400.00. But the courts don't want to process vaping charges.

2. Seymour Middle School-Bernadette Hamad

Mrs. Hamad says vaping is on the rise at the middle school as well. She has already talked to Mr. Frosolone, SMS Health Teacher, about incorporating a unit into the 8th grade Health curriculum on vaping. Dr. Hendricks suggested having Mr. Kearns look into some program or assembly to be

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brought in to explain to students and parents the dangers of vaping. Dr. Hendricks would like Mrs. Hamad to look into the possibility of a student anti-vaping campaign at the middle school.

E. Bathrooms, Seymour High School-Jim Freund

Mr. Freund is working at getting as many bathrooms as possible open during the day but there is a zero tolerance policy on vandalism. If a bathroom is opened and then vandalized it is closed for 1 week or until the perpetrators confess or an investigation reveals who did it. Mr. Stanek felt this was punishing the student body for a few students. Mr. Freund said he would never refuse to allow a student to use the bathroom but there are not enough monitors to have all the bathrooms open.

F. Breakfast in Classrooms, Elementary Schools-Chris Champagne

Mr. Champagne stated that he was contacted by a couple of teachers who were concerned with the breakfast being in the classroom. They are losing instructional time having to clean up the mess. Mrs. Brooks replied that no one had ever complained to her. Mr. Wilson will talk to the elementary principals and get their feedback on this issue.

G. Parking/Drop Off, Elementary Schools-Chris Champagne

Mr. Kearns has been at both buildings and made suggestions on the congestion at the elementary schools during drop-off times. Dr. Hendricks will follow up with Mr. Kearns.

IV. **REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

None

B. Superintendent's Report

None

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: (Mr. Champagne/sec. Dr. Hendricks) to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Mr. Champagne, Dr. Hendricks

Submitted by:
Pat Boyle