

New Hartford District Wellness Committee

May 17, 2017

3:30-4:30

Antolini School – Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Penny Miller, Stacie Cull, Krista Noyce, Jen Harris, Marie Kitch, Roxanne Pangallo, Brian Murphy, Paula Gladu-Morabito

Members Absent:

Patricia Brett, Cindy Duval, Becky Tyrell, Amanda Shaw, Deb Marciano

Minutes:

- **Review of Nutritional Audit**

- Ms. Morabito and Mrs. Noyce updated the committee on the results of the recent State Department of Education Nutrition Audit. Ms. Morabito shared that the committee conducted a desk audit reviewing a considerable amount of data as well as a 2-day on-site visit reviewing procedures at Bakerville school (Bakerville was chosen randomly to visit within the district). Of a possible 25+ list of items reviewed, the audit committee only reported findings in 4 minor areas. These findings included ensuring that district purchase American items as much as possible (they found bananas, broccoli, pineapple and mandarin oranges originated in other than the US). Mrs. Noyce reported that the response to this item was to indicate that the district would purchase produce in countries other than the US (8) times in the future. This will allow the district to continue to offer a variety of fruits and vegetables throughout the school year. Other items sited included specific language in the contract with EdAdvance as well as daily data collection on the number of students purchasing school lunch – the district and EdAdvance have addressed both items. The final item sited was creating a way for students at Bakerville to view the choices since they are unable to see over the counter. Using signs/pictures as well as utilizing a shorter table so the K-2 students will be able to view the choices will address this finding. The audit committee also shared that the staff and students in the district were so helpful and polite.

- **Wellness Policy Update**
 - Ms. Morabito discussed the recommended update by CAFE to the district wellness policy created by this committee 3 years ago. The proposed policy has very similar language and requirements to the existing policy as well as some additional areas that needed to be reviewed. Mr. Murphy shared that this is suggested policy from CAFE and that upon approval by this committee, he will bring to the BOE for final approval. The committee reviewed the suggested policy and approved for submission to the BOE.

- **Roundtable**

- **Adjourn**