

New Hartford Public Schools
Wellness "Virtual" Committee Meeting
3:30 PM via Zoom
3/16/2021

Attendance: Barbara McLean, Jen Harris, Marie Kitch, Mary Stempien, Matt Eames, Christine Holland, Tricia Brett, Deb Marciano, Kate Radano, Brian Murphy, Penny Miller, Amanda Shaw, Kevin Sullivan

1. Welcome (Barbara McLean, Director) opened the meeting at 3:31PM
2. Nurse's Office Update (Marie Kitch, Lead Nurse)
 - Student attendance range report and for the last 30 days NHES has had 96% present, Bakerville 97%, Antolini 97% attendance
 - Vision screening from the Lion's Club will be done soon
3. Covid-19 Liaison Update (Barbara McLean)
 - Since November, New Hartford has had 23 school community cases. Up until March 6th New Hartford has been on an 8 week decline.
 - In the last week, there has been a slight uptick in the cases, primarily in New Hartford, Granby, East Granby and Canton
 - Primary source exposures remain occupational, household spread, family gatherings.
 - Best way to combat: good hand hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing
 - Through collaboration with FVH and other FV Districts we are very pleased to have been able to offer three closed vaccination clinics to all of our employees.
4. Food Services Update (Matt Eames/Kevin Sullivan)
 - Due to Covid there have been challenges, food services has been able to provide continuous services
 - Lunch is eaten in classrooms
 - Kids responding well to quality of food
 - Only hearing good things from the students about everything they've been doing
 - Mr. Murphy asked about changes to the menu
 - Overall, the food is a better quality from what he has worked with before.
5. SEL Update (Alison Milano Mailhot/Alex Plourd/Jen Harris)
 - We completed trauma screeners and social/emotional screenings this year that identified student needs that we might not have observed otherwise.
 - Groups have been developed to address these needs, and we are working through those intervention groups
 - We also are doing weekly SEL lessons in every classroom PreK-6
 - We've introduced the RULER program to staff and have begun introducing the Mood Meter to students
 - Students seem to be responding well to the mood meter and are actively plotting themselves without direction from staff to do so.
6. Physical Education / Health Update (Deb Marciano)
 - PE introduced some new activities due to increased need for outdoor activities
 - Indoor gym activities are now fully masked

- Fitness testing has been on hold due to possible changes. Testing will still be completed. 2 of four tests will happen in the next block and then the final two will be done in the second block because it'll be able to happen outside.
- Missed content due to the emergency closure from fourth grade are being supplemented into the fifth grade blocks right now and the missed materials from fifth grade are being worked into sixth grade blocks
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7. Next Meeting Date

- April 27th, 3:30

8. Roundtable- Meeting Concluded 3:50

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McLean
Director of Student Services