



**Lebanon School District  
Safe & Healthy School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 14, 2013**

The Safe & Healthy Schools Committee met on Thursday, November 14, 2013, Board conference room at 12:00 noon. Dr. Bartley welcomed the group for the second meeting of the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Bartley asked everyone to refer to the items on the agenda. Please see the attached list for Safe Schools Committee members present at the meeting.

**Under new business for Safe Schools, the following items were discussed:**

***Introductions***

We began with introductions. Dr. Bartley welcomed everyone.

***Cyber Bullying***

Dr. Bartley said cyber-bullying continues to be the main topic for this school year. She said last year the district did a cyber-bullying week as part of the common sense curriculum and she would like that to happen again this year. Dr. Bartley stated that she would work with her leadership team to determine what information should be shared with students. She said we want our students to be digitally responsible citizens. And as a district we are trying to portray this by educating our students as much as possible. Dr. Bartley mentioned that the middle school had a tremendous assembly recently on bullying and cyber-bullying. She thinks it impacted every student. Many people in the community and parents were involved, as well. She said she wants to make sure the message gets out to everyone.

***AEDiva***

Dr. Bartley shared a video clip that she saw at a recent conference. She said it is geared more toward students to make sure they know what an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is. She said that each school has at least one AED and she feels that it is important for everyone to know that we have them and where they are located. Dr. Bartley said we would provide the principals the link of the video so they can share it with their teachers and students. The link is <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LgeO0hHDnJ0> She will be asking students if this has been shared with the student body at the next Safe Schools Meeting.

***Safety – (If you see something, say it) and ALiCE***

To promote the initiative “If you see something, say it or report it”, Dr. Bartley gave an eyeball eraser to each student representative. Dr. Bartley said our number one priority is to keep all students safe.

Bob Bowman shared that the high school and middle school received ALiCE training last week. Southwest, Southeast, and Harding were trained earlier in the year. Bob said Northwest will be the last building to be trained because of how the building is designed. He doesn't have a date scheduled yet. Future ALiCE trainings are: Administration/central office will be next week; Henry Houck and custodial staff are scheduled on 1/15/2014. He also mentioned that everyone entering a school building that is not an employee must show photo ID.

***2013-2014 Community Bullying Prevention Coalition Grant***

Dr. Bartley shared that Lebanon Middle School applied for and received a \$2,500 bullying prevention grant. The kick off for the Community Bullying Prevention Coalition was on 11/4/2013 at the middle school. An assembly was held featuring the Blue Hand Group. Dr. Bartley said that it was very powerful. The assembly was for parents and the community. More regarding the coalition will be shared throughout the year.

## ***Mass Screening Results***

Toni Henning shared the Body Mass Index (BMI) results. She said there were 649 more screenings completed than last year. Screenings were completed over the months of September and October. The results show a district-wide increase of 1% in BMI, which is a great concern. The outcome last year was 41.4% and this year is 42.4%. Percentages include students at-risk and students considered obese. We are required by law to conduct BMI screenings on students. BMI is calculated by using a mathematical formula based on height and weight.

Dr. Bartley pointed out that sometimes the BMI readings can be misleading because they include students that are athletic and their weight may be higher because of muscles, etc., and some of our students fall into this category. It is a sensitive subject but it is important that we review this data and do something about it because it does show us that there is a concern. Toni said we received a grant for \$2,500. We are considering ways to utilize the grant, some ideas are distributing posters and pamphlets; exercise class before or after school, a community wellness committee consisting of a dietician, physician, and an athletic trainer. We have many options of using the money from this grant, it is important to emphasize healthy choices; statistics show that making unhealthy choices will result in long-term problems, such as heart disease and diabetes. We have seen an increase in diabetes in our schools.

Overall 25% of students failed the vision test. Toni said re-testing would be done. Pearl vision is offering 2 pairs of glasses to each elementary school for students in need. Principals should speak to their building nurse if they have students in need. She shared that discussion is in place regarding a free eye clinic. Dr. Bartley said this was done in the past in conjunction with the Lions Club and if that comes into fruition, we need to make a contact with the Lions Club because they also have made a commitment to making sure our kids can get glasses.

Overall, 12% of students failed the hearing screening. That may not be a fully accurate result. Toni said they are having an audiologist from Bloomsburg come to retest the students who failed. She shared that the high school has a research study that they will have a soundproof room and test the students in a quiet area. The study will involve the use of ear buds and loud music and the impact on hearing. Dr. Bartley said this is a concern because of the common use of ear buds and listening to loud music and impact young people. We are concerned about this generation of high school students and when hearing concerns may impact hit them. According to some studies, researchers are finding that ear buds and loud music is impacting young people already. This is a safety and health concern.

Dr. Bartley shared that she knows that principals are attempting to make sure the students are physically active. Teachers are incorporating stretching and yoga in class. This is a good thing. We need to continue these things. It is important for daily activity.

## ***Wellness***

Marsha Kuhns from Pinnacle Health discussed information on the services Pinnacle Health provides. Marsha explained Pinnacle health had previously had a grant for childhood lead poisoning prevention. Pinnacle was a big presence in our schools because Headstart students had to be tested for lead. That grant has since ended and in July the Lead and Healthy Home program started. If a physician finds elevated levels of lead, Pinnacle will go into the home. She said there are homes in the Lebanon area that are not safe and healthy. Pinnacle is only able to go into a home if they are referred by an organization. There are several reasons why Pinnacle may enter the home, for example bed bugs. Pinnacle has connections with contractors that can help families that meet certain income criteria. They also supply families with items to aid in creating a safe and healthy home. She said if there is a situation, please call Pinnacle with the concern and they will act on it.

Dr. Bartley said this is very helpful information. She doesn't think that our principals were aware of Pinnacle Health and its resources. Contact information for Marsha Kuhns is [mkuhns@pinnaclehealth.org](mailto:mkuhns@pinnaclehealth.org) and her phone number is 717-782-6442.

### ***Community Update***

Mayor Capello shared that she has been asked to support a bill regarding bullying that is being sponsored by Mauree Gingrich and RoseMarie Swanger. She asked Dr. Bartley her thoughts on the topic. Dr. Bartley asked Mayor Capello to email her details in order for them to collaborate.

### ***Building Reports***

Harding – Mr. Reager said the soccer academy with JT Dorsey is going very well. Mr. Bullock said he feels Marsha will be a very good resource for our schools when dealing with families/students who are bringing bed bugs to school. Mr. Reager shared that Boutique Mulligan will give glasses to students in need of glasses.

Henry Houck –Mrs. Connelly said each student was provided with a map for a safe walking route to school. Dr. Bartley said it would be great for the whole district to have the maps.

Northwest – Mr. Danz said Northwest conducted “Race for Education”, where each class went out for 1 hour and ran. He also shared that the Northwest Roadrunner 5K/1 Mile Run was a success. Northwest will have a float in the holiday parade on 11/23/2013.

Southeast- Jamie Walton and Kaitlyn Day are organizing “Race for Kids”, a 5 week-long event where kids from 4-12 years old will run at the high school track.

Southwest – Student council would like to know if they could get a blinking light or a sign system at 12<sup>th</sup> and Woodland. Traffic is not yielding and it is a concern. Mayor Capello said the city would do an assessment and get back to them.

Lebanon Middle School – Student representative, Mikayla said it is very hectic at the end of the day. She thinks parents should have to park at the YMCA and the students should walk to the YMCA. She is afraid that a car might hit someone. Mr. Getz said the middle school has made several announcements on how to cross the street. Mr. Getz said on 11/22/2013 the middle school will host” Physically Fit Friday” with 40-45 minutes of physical activity.

Lebanon High School – Mr. Bentz said they begin testing for end the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester next week, and students will be dismissed early. Student representative, Mason said he thinks the ALiCE training has been helpful. He said he has heard some of the teachers praising the training and they feel more prepared if there were a safety emergency (i.e., such as an active shooter).

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie Smith  
District Administrative Assistant

**Safe & Healthy Schools Committee Meeting Attendance  
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Present	Marianne Bartley	Superintendent of Schools
Present	David Bentz	Disciplinarian, Lebanon High School
Present	Bob Bowman	Attendance Officer
Present	Nicholas Bullock	Assistant Principal, Harding Elementary School
	Joshua Coatsworth	Special Education Coordinator
Present	Craig Coletti	Principal, Southwest Elementary School
Present	Steve Collins	Attendance Officer
Present	Dawn Connelly	Principal, Henry Houck Elementary School
	Pedro Cruz	Assistant Principal, Lebanon Middle School
	Chris Danz	Assistant to the Superintendent
Present	Greg Danz	Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School
	Krista Edinger	Nutrition Group, Inc.
	Mary Garrett-Giovino	Principal, Lebanon Middle School
Present	Harold Getz	Director of In-School Suspension, Safety & Security, Lebanon Middle School
	Bill Giovino	Principal, Lebanon High School
	Ted Graeff	Director of Information Management and Technology
	Mike Habecker	Principal, Southeast Elementary School
Present	Jamie Walton	Guidance Counselor, Southeast Elementary School
	Brian Hartman	Director of Building & Grounds
Present	Antoinette Henning	School Nurse
Present	Kelly Herr	Assistant Business Manager
	Yvonne Jones	Assistant Principal, Lebanon High School
	Jim Morrissey	Nutrition Group, Inc.
Present	Michael Murphy	Assistant to the Superintendent
Present	Michael Reager	Principal, Harding Elementary School
	Bill Rennecker	Family Assistance Counselor
	Curtis Richards	Business Manager, Lebanon School District
Present	Millie Smith	District Administrative Assistant
	Neil Young	Principal, Northwest Elementary School

	Gary Zelinske	Assistant Principal, Lebanon High School
Present	Sherry Capello	Community
	Kristin Coleman	Community
	Brenda Hanthorn	Community
	Holly Leahy	Community
Present	Michael Ritter	Community
Present	Gary Rusen	Community
Present	Marsha Kuhns	Community
Present	Fire Chief Trautman	Community
Present	Police Chief Wright	Community