



**Lebanon School District  
Safe & Healthy School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

The Safe & Healthy Schools Committee met on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, in the LGI room at 12:00 noon. Dr. Abrom welcomed the group for the first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Abrom asked everyone to introduce themselves and refer to the items on the agenda. Please see the attached list for Safe Schools Committee members present at the meeting.

***Safety Update: Dr. Abrom***

- Tarp at Stadium: The tarp has enabled us to reduce the number of students hanging out and causing disorderly disputes. The City Police are happy to have the tarp there.
- Evacuation Drills: HB 178 will be reintroducing legislation to require each public school to complete a school security drill annually. This legislation will limit the burden placed on our public schools by allowing schools to perform the safety and security drill in place of a fire drill, which current law already requires school to perform monthly.
- Building Safety Assessments: A safe learning environment is necessary to the successful education of our students. The safety measures that have already been put in place here are excellent!

***Wellness Update: Mary Zeigler, School Nurse***

- Toni Henning is coordinating the health screenings at Northwest today. This will complete the screening at all schools. Two additional vision screening tools were used this year. Letters were sent to all families with results of BMI and abnormalities. Hershey Medical Center Community Health Nurses assisted and lent us equipment.
- Flu Shot Update: Nurses from Penn State Hershey Medical Center administered flu shots to about 500 students and staff when they held a Drive Thru Flu Shot event on Saturday, October 7, 2017.
- Health Screening Update/Lebanon Free Clinic: On November 2, 2017, sixteen elementary students were seen at the Lebanon Free Clinic. Fifteen students received free glasses. A Hershey Community Health grant paid for the glasses; doctors donate their services. There are plans for two more clinics in the Spring.
- Blood Drive: A blood drive was held at Lebanon High School on Friday, November 3, 2017. We had one hundred fifty donors.

### ***Nutrition Update: Krista Edinger, Nutrition Group***

- We have begun the school year full speed ahead with a newly revamped 10-week cycle. We rotate a variety of over twenty-five breakfast and fifty lunch recipes. They are derived from lunch room staples and new recipes tested and tasted by the students. We are proud of what we offer; our recipes are very popular
- New this year:
  - A Vegetarian Line at the high school to accommodate the growing population.
  - Nutrislice Program – this is an interactive Menu located on our website that allows students, staff and parents to view the nutritional data of all foods served from our cafeterias.
- Our department also continues to celebrate Nutrition in the cafeteria with monthly promotions and taste tests, i.e. Wellness Wednesday. A few to look forward to is Clowning Around (NW), Super Hero Day (SE), Dr. Seuss' Birthday and the Spring Fling (SW)
- We would love to integrate menus and special promotions with current events in the classroom. Principals, if there is ever an area of study or topic that you feel would benefit from including food service please reach out.
- Our districtwide wellness policy was reviewed and revised in September to comply with updates made to the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. This policy guides the district's efforts to establish a school environment that promotes students' health, well-being, and the ability to learn. It is Policy #246 and can be found on the district website. Notable changes to the policy include detailing specific goals, identifying leadership, and setting nutritional standards for all foods and how they can be marketed.
- Dr. Abrom changed from cupcakes to ice cream treats for the students who receive Academic Achievement Awards at the end of each trimester. The ice cream is an approved food under our updated wellness policy; cupcakes are not.
- Student representatives shared that they really love the food prepared by our cafeteria staff. Among some of their favorite dishes is the Cedar Bowl.

### ***Community Update:***

- Mayor Capello thanked those who voted for her. The Mayor reported that about eighteen high school students helped to plant shrubs on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The project involved landscape and riparian restoration, including the supply of trees, shrubs and planting accessories; excavating of holes for trees and shrub planting and the conversion of turf grass areas to meadow conservation areas. The trees and shrubs were planted at four locations in the City. The City received a Grant in the amount of \$90,000. An invitation to bid was posted and Stony Bridge Landscape completed the project.

- Mr. Reager shared that more than 100 Wells Fargo volunteers joined district staff to create an inspiring learning environment for children attending Harding Elementary School. A \$70,000 grant was awarded to us because of the relationship between Mr. Mike Panny of Wells Fargo and Dr. Abrom. Dr. Abrom knew Mr. Panny from SDOL.
- Sargeant Brett Fisher is concerned about the students from Webster Manor crossing the road to the new Northwest Elementary School. Sargeant Fisher asked for student input. He and Mayor Capello want to work on this now because it may involve hiring another crossing guard.
- Fire Chief Duane Trautman and Brian Hartman shared that they are planning some comprehensive fire and evacuation drills. Fire Chief Trautman is excited about planning the drills.
- Bob Bowman reported that he just held an evacuation drill at Lebanon Middle School. He shared that the middle school handled everything very well. A response team from the high school attended the event. The response team brings laptops that could be used if there was a real evacuation and we couldn't get back into the building. Bob also reported that Lebanon High School's evacuation site changed from the Lebanon Daily News office to the City Firehouse, temporarily until the renovations are completed at the LDN.
- Melanie Wells shared information about Better Together: Lebanon County. This initiative addresses the health needs of our community.
- Dr. Abrom would like to have a full-service Community School Initiative in Lebanon Middle School that would be open from 3 to 6 PM each evening. This initiative would: 1) create a climate in which parents, school personnel, community members and partners join forces to build and view the school as one of vast resources and opportunities, 2) recognize the role of a school as a partner and educator by students, parents, families and the community, and 3) improve circumstances that block children's ability to learn by providing referrals and access to needed service. Dr. Abrom is looking for organizations to partner with us. He would like to make our schools the center of the community. Here is where our children are so this is where we need the services to be available.
- Dawn Connelly shared more information about the Community School initiative. We are looking at the financial aspect. Dr. Abrom and Dawn Connelly met with two ladies from the PA Safe Schools at PDE. It's great to see where the state is going with this. Our students and families need this.
- Ashley Jocham, student at LMS, reported that she sees a lot of fighting and drama that happens outside of the middle school. She does not feel threatened. She also reported that their fresh fruit and vegetable garden is great. LMS students harvest the food.

- Mikayla Bowman, student at LHS, reported that she loves to be in the high school atrium but there are students that cause problems and then she is asked to leave the atrium. She feels like the students that are good should be allowed to stay in the atrium and only the students that are yelling and fighting should leave.
- Noah Brandt, student at Southeast, stated that his sister often comes home and says that she was bullied. She says that the bully keeps bullying her. Dr. Abrom asked Noah to give the name of the bully to Mr. Habecker so we can address this issue.
- Noelani Cruz, student at Southwest, said there are a lot of fights going on at school. She said the cause of the fights is “dating”. She feels that this should not be happening at an elementary school. She said that Mr. Coletti says “no dating allowed at school”.
- Dawn Connelly shared that a good answer to bullying is “Girls on the Run”. They are a great team.
- Dr. Abrom said that “Second Step” is another great bullying prevention program. *Second Step* Bullying Prevention Unit teaches Kindergarten to Grade 5 students how to recognize, report, and refuse bullying. As students master these crucial skills, educators and school staff learn to recognize and respond appropriately when they observe bullying or receive a bullying report, all while gaining insight into teaching the unit to children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Administrative Assistant  
and Board Secretary

**Safe & Healthy Schools Committee Meeting Attendance  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

Arthur Abrom, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools	Present
David Bentz Assistant Principal	Present
Melissa Bittinger SARCC	
Bob Bowman Attendance Officer	Present
Monica Boyer Suicide Prevention Taskforce	
Sargeant Brett Fisher Community	Present
Nick Bullock Assistant Principal, Harding	Present
Shawn Canady Director of Technology	
Sherry Capello Community	Present
Joshua Coatsworth Director of Special Education	Present
Craig Coletti Principal, Southwest	Present
Steven Collins Attendance Officer	
Dawn Connelly Principal, Middle School	Present
Pedro Cruz Principal, Henry Houck	Present

Greg Danz  
STEAM Administrator

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Christopher Danz  
Assistant to the Superintendent

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Georgette Dukes McAllister  
Welsh Mountain Health Center

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Krista Edinger  
Nutrition Group Inc.

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Present

Bill Giovino  
Principal, High School

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Present

Michael Habecker  
Principal, Southeast

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Present

Brian Hartman  
Director of Building & Grounds

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Present

Mary Zeigler  
School Nurse

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Present

Kelly Herr  
Assistant Business Manager

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Present

Todd Kaylor  
Assistant Director of Buildings &  
Grounds

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Present

Bryann Kingsbury  
Nutrition Inc.

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Present

Holly Leahy  
Director of Mental Health Services

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Karl Liedtka  
High School Guidance

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Janine Mauser  
Mental Health Services

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Michael Murphy  
Assistant to the Superintendent

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Anna Niesley  
Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

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Jennifer Nordall  
Assistant Principal, High School

Present

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Robert Nordall  
Assistant Principal, High School

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Michael Reager  
Principal, Harding

Present

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Molly Reffner  
American Heart Association

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Bill Rennecker  
Licensed Professional Counselor

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Curtis Richards  
Business Manager

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Michael Ritter  
Public Education Coordinator, DVI

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Jen Selman  
Nutrition Inc.

Present

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Mary Harrell  
Administrative Assistant

Present

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Adam Steckbeck,  
District Custodial Supervisor

Present

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Fire Chief Duane Trautman  
Community

Present

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Melanie Wells  
Community

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Sherri Williams  
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

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Neil Young  
Principal, Northwest

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Dawn Zatorski  
Child Acctg. Coordinator

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Lebanon High School  
Student Representative

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Lebanon Middle School  
Student Representative

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Present

Harding Elementary School  
Student Representative

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Henry Houck School  
Student Representative

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Northwest Elementary School  
Student Representative

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Southeast Elementary School  
Student Representative

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Southwest Elementary School  
Student Representative

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Present