



**Lebanon School District
Safe & Healthy School Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2021**

The Safe & Healthy Schools Committee met on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom at 1:00 PM. Please see the attached list for Safe Schools Committee members present at the meeting.

Welcome – Dr. Abrom:

- Dr. Abrom thanked everyone for attending this Zoom meeting. He shared that we were very excited to welcome back our elementary students to full in person learning 5 days a week, on Monday, February 8th. On March 1st we will welcome back our 6th grade students and on March 8th our 9th grade students will start full in person learning. We will continue to offer parents a choice of in person or virtual learning for their children.

Our students have been great this year. The students that are in person want to be here. Both students and parents are happy with the decision to move to in person learning. We have all had to be creative, flexible, and nimble this year.

Our approved Health and Safety Plan is posted on our website.

Nutrition Group has done a great job feeding out students this year. Food distributions to hybrid students have been available for pick up every Wednesday.

Safety Update – Dr. Danz:

Safe2Say

- This is a mandated state-wide system that allows students to submit anonymous tips. We have been using this system for the past 3 years. We provide training for youth and adults to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” before it’s too late. With Safe2Say it’s easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

When this was first implemented, we received many tips but the tips have decreased somewhat. It is typically higher after we talk with students. This program is working as it should.

Evacuation/Fire Drills

- We were a little bit concerned about this during COVID but we figured it out. We continue to meet all our requirements. We want to thank Duane Trautman for being flexible with this.

Threat Assessment Team

- We were asked to develop a Threat Assessment Team within our school district. Members include our police officers, our school psychologist, the special education director, our school nurse, school counselor and each building principal from the school impacted. If needed, this team would proactively assess the conditions, policies, and procedures of the organization in order to prevent or reduce the chance that potentially violent situations may occur. To-date we have not had to meet as a whole.

Flight Team

- This team is comprised of our school counselors. They work with the other schools within the IU13. The grieving process is coordinated through IU13. This team is available when a student or teacher tragedy occurs. We have participated with this for at least fifteen years.

Wellness Update

- Mrs. Toni Henning, school nurse, shared that we currently have no active COVID cases within the district. Our students and staff are doing a fantastic job of washing hands frequently, wearing a mask or face covering, and maintaining social distancing. Our custodians are also doing a great job keeping our classrooms and buildings clean. We will continue to monitor the situation.

The COVID county transmission has decreased from 17.43% (30 days ago) to 7.41%. This information is from the WellSpan Health COVID-19 Data Dashboard. We continue to see a decrease in our hospitalizations related to COVID and a decrease in the number of positive cases in our community.

Vaccines are being offered to those people in 1A phase, which includes frontline/healthcare workers, nursing homes, those greater than 65 years old, and 16-64 year old people with certain medical conditions. We are not sure when the 1B phase will open. We are following the DOH recommendations regarding travel-quarantining students and employees who have been out of the state or country longer than 10 days if they do not test negative 72 hours prior to their return. A COVID vaccine clinic organized by the IU was scheduled for this Thursday but has been cancelled due to distribution and accessibility to the vaccine.

Penn State Health is assisting us with the mandated student screenings for height and weight, vision, hearing and physical exams.

We have developed a wonderful relationship with the Lions Club of Lebanon. The Lions recently provided us with five vouchers for students to receive a free proper eye exam and free glasses if needed.

Nutrition Update

- Dr. Abrom praised and thanked Nutrition for everything they have done with providing meals to our in-person students and our hybrid students. They have done a tremendous job.

Ms. Edinger, director of Nutrition Group, shared that operating this year has changed in its totality.

Community Update

- Mayor Capello asked if Power Packs are picked up at churches. Mrs. Nordall said our Northwest parents pick them up at the school. Ms. O’Byle shared that Southeast and Harding pick up at a building close by.

Mayor Capello thanked everyone at Lebanon School District for what we are doing to educate our children. She acknowledged that it must be very difficult and she expressed great appreciation for successfully continuing to move forward with educating our children.

This COVID has been like a disaster for the City. It is constantly evolving and changing. Revenue has dropped. Thankfully there has been some funding. Some of our businesses have closed. We have a need for a homeless shelter. LCCM has been giving vouchers to homeless people, to stay in a hotel. We are looking at possibly buying a building, with LCCM, where homeless people could stay.

Most of our people are doing well but we have 2 firemen still off. Overall, we did well with our COVID numbers.

Roundtable

- Dr. Abrom mentioned that we used all of our scheduled snow days for this year. If we have more snow days we will utilize virtual learning days.
- Kasey Felty from the Suicide Prevention Task Force mentioned that May is National Mental Health month. May 9th is Children’s mental health day. Join us in focusing on mental health and wellness. A flyer will be provided.
- Dr. Abrom thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy day to attend this meeting. It is good to follow up with each other during these unprecedented times.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Administrative Assistant
and Board Secretary

Safe & Healthy Schools Committee Meeting Attendance

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Arthur Abrom, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Present

David Bentz
Assistant Principal

Present

Kasey Felty
Director of Mental Health
Lebanon Cnty. MH/ID/EI

Present

Kaity Nordhoff
Prevention & Outreach Spec.
SARCC

Present

Tiffany Downs
Nurse Manager
WellSpan GSH

Present

Bob Bowman
Attendance Officer

Monica Boyer
Suicide Prevention Taskforce

Chief Todd Breiner
Chief of Police

Present

Nick Bullock
Assistant Principal, Harding

Present

Shawn Canady
Director of Technology

Present

Sherry Capello
Community

Present

Josh Coatsworth
Director of Special Education

Present

Craig Coletti
Principal, Southwest

Present

Steven Collins

Attendance Officer Present

Dawn Connelly
Principal, Middle School Present

Pedro Cruz
Principal, Henry Houck Present

Christopher Danz
Assistant to the Superintendent Present

Georgette Dukes McAllister
Welsh Mountain Health Center _____

Krista Edinger
Nutrition Group Inc. Present

Bill Giovino
Principal, High School Present

Michael Habecker
Principal, Southeast Present

Brian Hartman
Director of Building & Grounds Present

Toni Henning
School Nurse Present

Kelly Herr
Assistant Business Manager Present

Amber Abreu
Director of ELD Present

Todd Kaylor
Assistant Director of Buildings &
Grounds Present

Holly Leahy
Director of Mental Health Services _____

Karl Liedtka
High School Guidance _____

Janine Mauser

Mental Health Services

Michael Murphy
Assistant to the Superintendent

Present

Anna Niesley
Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Jennifer Nordall
Assistant Principal, Northwest

Present

Robert Nordall
Assistant Principal, High School

Present

Michael Reager
Principal, Harding

Present

Molly Reffner
American Heart Association

Curtis Richards
Business Manager

Jen Selman
Nutrition Inc.

Present

Mary Harrell
Administrative Assistant

Present

Adam Steckbeck,
District Custodial Supervisor

Present

Fire Chief Duane Trautman
Community

Melanie Wells
Community

Sherri Williams
Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Neil Young
Principal, Northwest

Sue Christner

Juvenile Probation

Dwight Penberth
Juvenile Probation

Dustin Nikles
Technology

Rabbi Samuel Yolen,
Congregation Beth Israel

Staci O'Byle
Assistant Principal

Present
