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2020

REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Health and Safety Committee (HSC) met on Thursday, January 23, 2019, at 11:30 AM at the Cincinnati Public Schools Education Center in the Board Office Conference Room.

ATTENDEES

Health and Safety Committee Members

Chairperson Melanie Bates, Eve Bolton, Ben Lindy

Board Member

Carolyn Jones, *Ex Officio*

Administration/Staff

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent; Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent; Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer

Community Members/Parents/Students

Kenyon Bell, Emerson Abbott, Kaelyn Foster, Kyle Foster, Dave Hapner, Belynda Morrision

Election of Committee Chair

Committee member Bolton nominated Melanie Bates as Committee Chair, and Committee member Lindy seconded the motion. The Committee agreed with the recommendation. Ms. Bates accepted the nomination and was elected Chair of the Committee for year 2020.

2020 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed to conduct their meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM.

Design Committee Mission Statement

Committee Chair Bates reiterated from the January 18, 2020, Ad Hoc Committee meeting that mission statements for Board Committees should be what is stated in the Strategic Plan.

https://www.cps-k12.org/sites/www.cps-k12.org/files/pdfs/BOE_Strategic_Plan_Final_Web.pdf.

The Committee agreed with the following Health and Safety goal that is contained in the Strategic Plan.

Health and Safety Committee Mission

Health and Safety—We focus on personal well-being. (Goal 2)

We will commit to putting the safety, physical, social, and emotional health of our students, staff, and partners at the forefront of everything we do.

Discussion of Committee Workplan within the Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

The Committee had extensive dialogue about social and emotional health being addressed in the Health and Safety Committee or in the Student Achievement Committee. The initiative is stated in the Health and Safety goal of the Strategic Plan.

The Committee reviewed and cross-referenced the responsibilities of the Health and Safety Committee (HSC) with the Student Achievement Committee.

Impact of Poverty and Homelessness, and Transportation were added to the HSC responsibilities.

Committee member Bolton recommended renaming the following Committees:

- Policy Committee: *The Policy and Equity Committee*
- Student Achievement Committee: *The Student Achievement and Growth Committee*

Renaming of the Finance Committee will take place at a future Finance Committee meeting.

Committee member Bolton talked about Governmental Relations being address by the Administration.

Chairperson Bates provided a historical perspective on the role of the HSC and how the group could assist the Administration in its work.

Alignment with Pedestrian Safety Committees

Ms. Bates reported that there are several Committees in the community working on pedestrian safety.

Committee member Bolton reported that she and Board member Mike Moroski sit on the Safety Committee sponsored by City Council member Greg Landsman.

The Committee had a broad conversation about how to capture the groups in the community.

Committee member Bolton recommended that the Administration continue to focus its efforts on Safe Routes to School, and that Community Member Dave Hapner's Safety Committee and the Advisory Committee possibly being formed for Safe Routes to School, work together on the initiative.

ASSIGNMENT: The Committee will recommend to the Board that the Administration have the LSDMCs submit their safety concerns to the schools.

The Committee recommended to the Board that Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategic Officer, focus her work on the Safe Routes to School Committee and have the LSDMC's submit their priorities to her.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Health and Safety Committee

Melanie Bates, Chair
Eve Bolton
Ben Lindy

Staff Liaisons

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent
Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent
Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer