

**District Advisory Committee
Board of Education Annual Mid-Year Written Report
2018-19**

Health and Safety DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Administrator Co-chairperson: Mark Kelly/Tara Brown

Co-chairperson: Stephanie Lewis

Charges:

- Focus on anxiety and depression, including screening and treatment in school-aged children
- Focus on best practices for handling outbreaks of communicable diseases
- Focus on drug and alcohol treatment and addiction awareness
- Focus on the Wellness Policy
- Focus on site emergency response to crisis situations
- Focus on any other issues, if directed by the board
- stress/pressure of academics, anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, and family issues

Accomplishments to date:

- *Focus on anxiety and depression, including screening and treatment in school-aged children*
 - Initial review of Youth Wellness Needs Assessment. Highest needs: stress/pressure of academics, anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, and family issues
 - Staff indicate more support needed to help students navigate mental health services
 - Mental Health training and support provided for Malibu community following fires
- *Focus on best practices for handling outbreaks of communicable diseases*
 - Guide for Managing Infectious Disease in School Setting presented to Senior Cabinet
- *Focus on drug and alcohol treatment and addiction awareness*
 - Review of Controlled Substance Board Policy planned for future
 - Collaborative classes at Olympic and SAMO High with SMPD and Youth Family Services Coordinator
- *Focus on the Wellness Policy*
 - Presentation to PTA council and Principals
 - Upcoming meetings will review goals in the policy and determine steps for implementation including resources needs and evaluation.
- *Focus on any other issues, if directed by the board*

Highlight(s) to date of particular note:

- Guest speaker Bertha Roman, Director of Education Technology re: input on Digital Learning Plan

Budgetary Implications: none at this time.

Health and Safety DAC Members:

Stephanie Lewis, MA, CCC-SLP, Chair
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Community Service Representatives:

Ana Jarra, MPP, Youth and Family Services Coordinator, SMPD
Suzanne Post, MS, Fire Safety Coordinator, SMFD