

**District Advisory Committee
Board of Education Annual Mid-Year Written Report
2019-20**

Health and Safety DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Administrator Co-chairperson: Mark Kelly/Tara Brown

Co-chairperson: Stephanie Lewis

Charges:

- Focus on recommendations for development of mental health master plan, including prevention, screening and treatment options of anxiety, depression, drug and alcohol use as well as educational components for these issues
- Consult district office and school site staff regarding near-term solutions and/or interventions that the district could implement to address drug and alcohol use/abuse among students
- Focus on identification of progress indicators for the Wellness Policy
- Focus on site emergency response to crisis situations
- Focus on any other issues, if directed by the board

Accomplishments to date:

1. *Consult district office and school site staff regarding near-term solutions and/or interventions that the district could implement to address drug and alcohol use/abuse among students*
 - a. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Dr. Ben Drati attended DAC meeting to discuss district's perspective on this issue, potential solutions they would like to see the DAC explore and the budgetary lens that the group should use to evaluate resources
2. *Focus on identification of progress indicators for the Wellness Policy*
 - a. Group review of potential model to use in order to systematically review components of Wellness Policy

Highlight(s) to date of particular note:

- None

Budgetary Implications: none at this time.

Health and Safety DAC Members:

- Stephanie Lewis, MA, CCC-SLP, Chair
- Mark Kelly/Tara Brown, Admin Co-Chair
- Rita Kachru, MD
- Susan Bronstein, RN
- Pat Nolan, RN
- Deborah Rothman
- Cecilia Soto-Loftus
- Laila Taslimi
- Elizabeth Scharetg, MSW, MPH
- Shuli Lotan, LCSW, PPSC
- Deborah Novak
- Erin Behan
- Jane Schmitz, PhD
- Ralph Mechur, Board Liaison
- Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Board Liaison

Community Service Representatives:

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