

## Minutes for the District Wellness Committee Meeting on December 12, 2018:

Meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m.

Welcome by Drew Cone

Joni Padilla, with Arkansas Dept. of Health, presented the Crawford County Health Rankings

Roy Kendrick, Child Nutrition Director, provided January menus and informed the committee of the following:

- VBSD has seen an increase of over 6,000 in student eating school breakfast and lunch.
- Food truck has been feeding at BTMS, NMS and FA.
- Fresh fruit and veggie bars at the elementary schools provides choice for the students.
- Able to purchase different types of fruits and veggies through the Fruit and Veggie Grant.
- Declining Free/Reduced numbers this year, down to 61%.

Theresa Bell made a motion to approve menus; Becky Goerig seconded the motion, menus approved.

Delaney Farris, FoodCorps Service Member at Parkview and Central, reported about FoodCorps progress.

- Central won the 2018 Arkansas Grown Start-Up Garden of the Year.
- Continually receiving grants and community support for the gardens.
- Around 50 garden beds in the VBSD.
- Researching hydroponics to hopefully start in our schools.

Rachel Bond, nurse at Butterfield, reported the nurses are conducting vision/hearing/BMI tests, also about to start scoliosis screenings. 1,481 flu shots were given. Looking for a sub nurse for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

Drew Cone reported about JUA grants. In partnership with the City of Van Buren, we have received over \$240,000 in grants. King, Central, Freshman Academy and tennis courts are completed. Projects at Butterfield, City Heights and Rena will start this school year. Tate is a JUA grant with Crawford County and it will start in the Spring. New JUA grants are due Jan. 9, and we are writing for Parkview, a VBHS ropes course, fitness equipment at Freshman Academy and Central, and a new gym floor at the Boys & Girls Club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00a.m..

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 20.