

## Minutes for the District Wellness Committee Meeting on December 11, 2019:

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

Nurse Rachel Bond reported:

- Completed flu clinics with 1,698 shots giving.
- Completing vision, hearing and BMI screenings, so far 2,717 students screened.
- SPED Dept. was able to purchase 3 new vision/hearing machines.
- Many nurses wrote for and received ISEP grants for supplies at their schools.
- Nurses have received Narcan and completed trainings, all of our SRO's carry Narcan at our schools as well.
- New law requires schools to keep epi-pens and albuterol in the office; our Van Buren schools have been fortunate to receive epi-pens from the epi-pen for schools program, and albuterol at a discounted rate.
- Another new law requires students to receive Stop the Bleed training before they graduate and our nurses are teaching STB in high school health classes.

FoodCorps service members, Marissa Dull and Stephannie Baldwin reported:

- They are working with students in the gardens by cleaning them up and planting winter seeds.
- During the cold weather, they are performing classroom lessons and cooking with students more.
- Parkview had a local bee-keeper come present to the students.
- They have received many donations from the community.

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

- At VBHS looking to add more breakfast items such as smoothies, omelets and Belgium waffles.
- Researching the possibility of aquaponics farm at the service center.

\*Jenks Smith made a motion to approve menus; Theresa Bell seconded the motion, menus approved.

Joni Padilla, with Arkansas Dept. of Health, provided information and Vapes and JUULS. Hometown Health provides education to staff, students and parents about the harms of vaping. Our schools will look into having them come speak and train our stakeholders to help prevent vaping.

Michael Brammer, parent, community member, and parks and recreation committee member, reported that Colley Park is open to the public but work is still to be done. Also, the local Lion's Club is researching playground/fitness equipment to install at the old police station.

Drew Cone displayed photos of the completed JUA projects with the City of Van Buren and discussed upcoming projects at the high school for a JROTC fitness course and Central and Freshman Academy trails receiving fitness equipment. In partnership with the City and County, three more JUA grants have been written to purchase heat/air units in Butterfield's gym, a new gym floor in Central's gym and renovating Parkview's old trail and adding fitness equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00a.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:00 in the VBSD PD Center.