

ORCSD Wellness Committee

Meeting Minutes 11/12/14 3:40pm-4:30pm

Minutes taken by K. Moore

Present: Jess Whalen, Jesse Morrell, Corinna Dolcino, Jason Baker, David Geschwendt, Barb Paquette, Danuta Richards, JoAn Saxe, Katherine Moore

We all received a copy of the School Wellness Policy Evaluation Tool from The NH Department of Education. There was a bit of discussion about our utilizing this tool to assess each school's compliance with the policy when the intent of the form is to assess the policy itself. Katherine reminded the committee that we were just looking at a baseline for how each school is doing and thought this would be a quick reference guide to go by. Consensus was that we could use the tool to assess our policy implementation at each school.

Some schools do not have an in house wellness committee that can look at the tool and do this assessment. It was decided that if your school does not have a committee that it is the charge of those in attendance today from said schools to pull a committee together and have the committee meet and review the tool. All schools are to complete this review before our December meeting.

Jesse pointed out that there are things on the evaluation tool that we do not have in our policy. We decided that at this point in time we will just use the tool as it is and see what happens.

Jason read off the "block" on the evaluation tool that states who should be on a local wellness committee. This led to discussion about what "local" means and do we need these people at each school level or just the district level. Most felt it did not mean at each school but that "local" meant the district committee. It was left that a member from each school would put together a school level committee to review their schools compliance with the wellness policy using the NH evaluation tool.