Lincoln Public Schools District Wellness Committee May, 20, 2015 Minutes

Mary Anne Roll called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Wellness Policy Evaluation Tool

Mary Anne noted that the district is required by federal regulation to evaluate the implementation of its Wellness Policy. At the end of the 2013-14 school year, an online tool was developed using multiple surveys – one for each constituent group (Administrators, staff, students, parents, Wellness Committee members and a separate one for Food Service). A revised tool has been developed for this year. The committee reviewed the final draft of the revised Wellness Policy Evaluation tool. It consists of 35 questions (True, False, Don't Know) as well as space for providing supporting evidence and general comments. Estimated time for completing the evaluation is 5-7 minutes exclusive of time needed for supporting evidence and comments. Mary Anne noted that all principals are required t complete the evaluation prior to June 30th. The tool will be available online through the District's website after the Memorial Day Weekend for at least 5 days. All administrators, school staff, students and parents will be invited to complete the survey. A report based on the information provided by the survey will be provided to the Wellness Committee for its review in the Fall. Mary Anne thanked Scott Mowry from the district's IT Department for his help in reconstructing the survey and Andrew Viveiros and Jim Frost for their help in the revision.

SHAC Grant

Rhonda Sexton and Mary McComiskey updated the committee on the status of the SHAC grant funded by the CDC and managed by RIDE. A Gay/Straight Alliance is in its early stages of development at Lincoln High School and will continue next year. Contacts with Youth Pride and Planned Parenthood have been established. Professional Development for staff as well as a program for parents in the Fall of 2015 is planned. A variety of resources for staff, students, and parents has been or will be ordered and made available through the school. Mary Anne thanked Mrs. McComiskey for her participation on the Wellness Committee as she leaves the district's employment on May 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.