

Health and Wellness Committee
December 4, 2024
Minutes

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made.

Mrs. Roll asked members of the Committee that attended the Annual RIHSC Breakfast to share their takeaways. Attendees from Lincoln included Principals, Teachers, students from the LHS Green Team and a parent. The value of resources provided by the many Exhibitors present was noted as well as the information shared by panelists on topics that included innovations in School Meals programs, using the Whole Child Model to impact School Climate and support Student Success by addressing cell phone use in schools, making connections between Attendance, Student Engagement and Mental Health.

An update was provided on the District's plan to implement a Food Waste Recycling program at the elementary schools in 2025 by working with the RI Recycling Project. The LHS Green Team is continuing to look for opportunities to raise awareness at LHS and promote the use of a Share Table in the Cafeteria.

Mrs. Roll asked for the assistance of the Principals in the review and revision of the 2011 District Parent Involvement Policy. She noted that the current policy was based on federal Title 1 requirements and National Standards for Parent Involvement that had been adopted by the RI Board of Education. The current policy was shared as well as the Revised National Standards for Family School Partnerships. She asked that Principals use the same process that has been used to look at School Attendance to provide feedback on this policy. Dr. McNamara will distribute a rubric to guide this discussion. This will be an agenda item at the next Wellness Committee meeting.

Karin Witherill from the RIHSC spoke about the opportunity to expand Recess Rocks program in the elementary schools in Lincoln. Professional Development opportunities are still available. Dr. McNamara will distribute information.

Next meeting: February 26, 2025