

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2019
3:15-4:30 p.m.
District Education Center
Superintendent's Meeting Room

WELCOME

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District's Executive Director of Instructional Support, Richard McAlindin, welcomed committee members to the first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year at 3:24 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting were accepted as submitted.

WELLNESS SURVEY

Suzanne Morales, PYLUSD Director of Nutrition Services, spoke about the survey that was sent out three years ago. It is time to send the survey out again to the same staff members to see what has changed regarding knowledge of the District Wellness Policy. The goal is to have survey results by the next meeting, which is scheduled for January 2020.

The group discussed the wellness policy as it relates to fundraisers and classroom functions and how best to work with PTA's to encourage them to support the District Wellness Policy in regards to fundraiser prizes. There were many alternatives to food brought forward as suggestions for fundraising prizes. Suzanne reminded the group that the Nutrition Services website is a great resource that contains ideas for non-food prizes. PYLUSD Board President Carrie Buck suggested we invite PTA Council members to the Wellness Committee meetings.

ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHIER SCHOOLS UPDATE

Nadia Moya from Orange County Department of Education shared that for five years we have worked with OCDE and St. Jude in regards to wellness initiatives. The Alliance for Healthier Schools is a school health index. Six PYLUSD schools applied for the National Healthy Schools award: Ruby Drive, Rio Vista, Tynes, Melrose, Morse, and Topaz. All six schools received bronze status. At a future meeting the Board will recognize those schools and OCDE would like to have celebrations at the school sites as well. Large banners will be sent to each school, along with a plaque from OCDE, for them to display.

Richard expressed thanks to Nadia Moya and St. Jude for helping in the application process. Forty schools in California were recognized, twenty were from Orange County, and six of them were from PYLUSD!

VAPE DETECTORS

Richard McAlindin informed the group that vape detectors are being installed in all district high schools this year. We are exploring the possibility of installing them at district middle schools. The detectors work in the entire bathroom. When vapor is detected, it alerts an administrator via phone. The goal is to deter students from using vaping devices. If a student is found with an illegal substance, administrators follow the code of conduct, with progressive discipline, depending upon the substance they were vaping.

DETECTION CANINES

PYLUSD has contracted with Interquest Canines to bring detection canines onto high school campuses to conduct sweeps for drugs and contraband. Nine visits will be conducted this year, with 2-3 schools being covered in one visit. Administrators will decide which classrooms they would like searched. Students will exit the classroom, leaving their backpacks behind. Dogs will sniff the backpacks (not individual students) and alert the handlers if they smell contraband. The dogs also have the ability to sweep parking lots and common areas of the campus.

Assemblies will be conducted at each high school to demonstrate how the dogs work. Parent letters went out to explain the program.

BULLYING PREVENTION TRAINING

October is Bullying Prevention month. All PYLUSD managers and site-level leaders who are responsible for investigating bullying complaints will be trained by attorney Dora Dome. District staff has crafted a bullying prevention handbook that will be given to managers and site-level leaders as well. Before the end of the school year all teachers will complete an online bullying prevention training designed to provide an overview of the types of bullying behavior and how to properly recognize and respond to reported incidences.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2020 at 3:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.