

Personnel/Policy/Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 28, 2016

In attendance: Kim Browe, Ken Ziman, Sue Riccio, Jeff Carp, Dr. Russo, Dr. Scarpetti, Mara Saccente, Bill, Kraut, Christian Young, Kai Byrd, Chantelle Bunnell, Rosie Slowik

Sub-Committee convened at 6:36 p.m.

Public Comment

THS parent, Dr. Patel re: allergy policy (tree nut). He expressed concern about staff and nurse training and policy/protocol. He spoke against home-baked foods in schools and in favor of pre-packaged foods. He emphasized food safety concerns particularly at events, and, strict adherence to objective standards.

Mara Saccente addressed the subcommittee re: a food allergy plan and management guideline and observed that the existing policy does not address the overall governance of building use outside of school hours.

The phrase "symptoms of anaphylaxis" was addressed. It was opined that it is perhaps better to keep the definition as general as possible so policy doesn't have to change whenever medical diagnosis/symptoms definitions change.

There was discussion re: nurses training BOE staff and how the nurses are trained to give that training. The question was raised as to who is training our staff and how are they trained?

The idea of informing parents of allergy concerns and awareness and policy at the school year-beginning open-house was discussed. Questions included what packet is sent out to parents, and, is the policy included in that packet? Should there be a paper packet and/or on-line packet?

It was recognized that hand washing not feasible due to the lack of sinks in all classrooms in all schools.

It was recognized that "allergy aware tables" are not mandatory but rather are available and voluntary. Recommended but not mandatory. The nurses and beginning year packet should encompass this information.

There were questions and discussion on the policy on source of "celebration foods" and whether it might be appropriate to require all "celebration foods" come from the cafeterias and not allow outside food sources other than cafeteria provided for celebrations.

A question was raised as to whether specific students require specific plans? If so, how are they made available to teachers and staff?

The committee addressed school busses, field trips, school psychologists, and concluded with further discussion about food celebration policies.

Adjourned 8:03 p.m.