

Durham School Health Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

May 19, 2021; 12:30-2pm

Attendees: Mel Downey-Piper, Morgan Medders, Janelle Averill, Michael Somers, Natalie Beyer, Rod Teal, Leslie Atherholt, Angela Teal, Chris Soto, David Hackney, Jim Keaten, Elizabeth Sims, Ashley Bass-Mitchell, Dr. Pitman, Audrey Byrd, Brittney Perault (intern), Mary Jane Palmer, Kamaria Mason

WHAT	TIME	NOTES
<p>Welcome and introductions (Mel Downey-Piper)</p>	20	<p>Please state your:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name • Group you represent (eg. organization/school/parent/student) • What song, artist or station are you into this week?
<p>Principal perspective, Pearsontown Elementary (Rod Teal)</p>	20	<p>It has been critical to communicate with parents and students about what was happening. No one ever imagined we would be out for one year, so we had to be creative. Everyone's anxiety went down once they experienced coming back and seeing how safe it was to be at school. Pearsontown also had an Open House for their teachers to feel comfortable. Most of their staff have been vaccinated and he set an example with the staff. Staff were able to get breaks during the day if they wanted to get vaccinated.</p> <p>They are not only concerned about academic but also emotional needs of our students. They have provided a lot of assistance from how do I turn on my hot spot to children not doing well in virtual setting. Some children have thrived in the virtual environment though.</p> <p>The COVID screening questions have been helpful and has gone smoothly except for the first day. Parent volunteers have been critical.</p> <p>There can be more opportunities for outdoor learning continuing into next year, but not every school has the space to do that.</p> <p>The schools have taken a deep look into how they clean and disinfect spaces.</p>
<p>Recruiting young people (Armenous + group)</p>	25	<p>The group is ready to launch the application for students. Armenous will be fielding any questions. The goal is to select as many youth as possible to start in the fall. Chip S. can send out a message; students on text can receive it. Make a google form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Recruitment plan -Setting dates -Onboarding – maybe during the summer? -Start date for youth - September

Announcements	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work on Regs and Procs this summer during meetings - Yes• SHAC website• Mel has materials to share from SHAC conference; she will coordinate with Dr. Pitman <p>Dates for SHAC meetings this year (12:30-2pm)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. June 16: workgroups2. July – No meeting3. August 18 – work groups
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