

SSPO Meeting minutes. February 6, 2015

4747 N. Holland Sylvania Road

All officers and school representatives present:

All schools represented except: Hill View.

President Kate Fineske opened the meeting at 12:02 PM

A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Tomlyn Chambers and seconded by Ruthann Finch. The motion carried.

President Fineske announced a call for SSPO Officers for next year. Interested persons should contact Kate Fineske via k8designs@me.com

President Fineske announced that the SSPO Spring Forum will be held on Thursday, March 26th, at 7:00 pm. The event will be held at Arbor Hills Junior High on Whiteford Road, just south of Alexis Road.

An announcement was made about volunteer opportunities through Sylvania Area Family Services. Contact Kevin Milliken at youthservices.safs@gmail.com

Representatives from the Toledo Blade were present.

Treasurer Ann Francis reported that our account balance is: \$2,600. Ann filed annual report with the State of Ohio's AGO. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ruth Ann Finch and seconded by Tori Dagget. The motion carried.

A district update was provided by Dr. Rieger.

- 1) Reported that a lot of testing in the schools is coming up soon. His focus is to tell the students to do their best and let the results take care of themselves.
- 2) This coming Monday's board meeting.
 - a. License agreement with Lourdes University. He will recommend to the Board that the Board approve the license agreement: improve the football stadium at Northview (e.g., install turf for soccer, lacrosse & football), install a softball field. Lourdes needs a full-turf softball field/stadium. This move will bring several teams back on campus. Total cost will be 2.6 million. The cost will be split. The Sylvania Athletic Fund will pay for District's part...no operating funds will be used for these improvements.
 - b. Upcoming Leadership changes. Scott Nelson will take over July 1. Jane Spurgeon will be recommended to Asst. Superintendent job. Recommend Keith Limes will become HR. Assist principal at McCord, Amanda Ogren, to replace Keith at McCord
- 3) Snow days: Reminder that the number days that can be missed approach has been replaced by the minimum number of hours required by the State of Ohio. Now, 33 snow days required before the law says make up at elementary, 25 at jr. high, 21 at high school. Our days are longer than are required by law so we have cushion. We have missed 6 days. Timing of snow is important decision. If snow comes in after midnight and before dawn, may have to be delayed. If we miss 9 days, the District will consider extending the days, like what was done last year.

Also considering re-structuring snow days for teachers...possible coming into work, working at home, using web-assisted teaching. Dr. Rieger drives the roads himself, he has the operations director drive the roads, and the transportation director drive the roads. The roads served by our district are taken care of by 5 different services: Toledo, Sylvania, Sylvania Township, ODOT, County. His test is, "When I put my foot on the brake, what happens? What could happen to a multi-ton bus with human cargo? What happens to the young drivers who are going to Northview & Southview?" These are among the factors that he considers when making the call to close or delay. If you as a parent don't think it is safe, keep your child home and/or bring the child to school when you feel it is safe.

- 4) Question from the floor: What about eliminating scheduled two-hour delays? Answer: speakers are set up for these events and could not be rescheduled.
- 5) 2nd question from the floor: do 2-hour delays count toward the total number of hours per year that the students are required to be in school? Answer: Yes.
- 6) 3rd question from the floor: Why would we make up time if we have so many extra hours? Answer: because we're used to a certain amount of instructional time. Nine missed days are what we did last year, if we get over that, we're cutting into what we believe is necessary for optimal, not minimal, instruction time. We have missed 6 days to date, so we have 3 left before we start scheduling make-up time.

The topic for today's meeting was: School Health and Allergies. This discussion was provided by Jeanette Arnsby, a Lucas County Health Department nurse who is contracted by Sylvania Schools. She is a registered nurse with a license in public health. Introduced by Ann Francis and Shannon Szypreski.

Ms. Arnsby reported that she has material prepared but is happy to take questions and have discussion.

1. 4 nurses contracted to Sylvania Schools.
2. She is quite experienced and has lots of resources she can access for interested parents.
3. Immunizations
 - a. District checks immunizations prior to kindergarten. Tells parents what specific immunizations are required.
 - b. Checks all K, all new to district kids, and 7th graders.
 - c. Law says your records have to be in 15 days prior to the start of the school year. If not immunized, the child may be excluded from school.
 - d. Medical, religious, "for good cause" objections are allowed if one has an issue with shots.
 - e. Non-immunized children are asked to stay out of school if there is an outbreak at the school. Don't want the child to get/or spread the disease. This is one of the reasons that they need reliable immunization records.
4. Trains school staff, including medication, administration and emergency reactions (e.g., EpiPen).
 - a. All medications kept at school have to be locked up. All meds in the school have to be accompanied by a physician's order. A child's EpiPen has to be at the office's lock-up, but the child's teacher can also have an EpiPen in the classroom if it can be locked up. Teacher's EpiPen does not replace the office EpiPen. Parents interested in having a teacher equipped with an EpiPen should ask the school for permission to have the 2nd pen in the classroom. Ms. Arnsby uses expired EpiPens to train teachers. If an EpiPen is administered, we are required by law to call 911. Ms. Arnsby also requires that any administration of emergency medicine be followed up by a 911 call. Q: do you give both doses of the Pen? Answer: we follow the student's Action Plan. Q: Who has the keys to

the locked up medicine? A: both secretaries, nurses know where the key is and it is stored near the lockbox.

- b. Allergies
 - i. Lots in schools, number grows ever year. Biggest is nut allergies (tree nuts, peanuts).
 - 1. Students have an action plan that instructs staff what family and physician want to be done if their child comes into contact with the allergen.
 - 2. Schools offer nut-free lunch tables. The child's classroom is also nut-free. Can't have a nut-free school.
- c. Children can carry inhalers, but she prefers that the school also has an additional locked inhaler that they can access if/when the child loses theirs. Lots of junior high students are allowed to carry one in their backpack.
- d. Q: Do coaches and athletic trainers have access to these? A: Coaches are supposed to be informed of their student-athlete's medical conditions. She does not know what the athletic trainers has access to. She'll look into this question.
- e. Q: What about recess and bee stings? A: Good point, we'll give that some thought.
- f. Q: are people trained on AED machines? A: (Nancy Crandell: yes, we trained a minimum of 7 people in each building. There are 2 machines in some of the larger buildings).
- g. Q: Hand sanitizer vs. hand washing? A: Sanitizers kill germs, but they don't remove dirt. Schools also have baby wipes. But, parents should be their child's advocates. If a parent has a concern, make sure you talk to the principal and the teachers to make sure your child is protected as much as possible.
- h. Other activities: vision & hearing tests, scoliosis, take temperature, bumps, bruises and scrapes. Help children call the parent when something happens to them. Managing diabetic students' care (testing, carb counting, dosing). Checking for lice (live lice - the child is going home).
- i. My job is to keep your child in school and care for the public safety.

President Fineske announced that our next meeting will be on March 6th, 2015, at noon. The topic will be STEM in Sylvania Schools. (science, technology, engineering, & mathematics). This discussion will cover the application of STEM across all age groups.

The meeting adjourned at:1:03 PM