

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**LATHROP STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE'S OFFICE**  
**MEETING DATE SEPTEMBER 28, 2010, 7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Doug Wilcox  
President, Board of Directors

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

Health Advisory Council Meeting

September 28, 2010 Health Advisory Council meeting began at 7:00 PM in the Nurse's Office at the Lathrop Street Elementary School.

Board Members Present: Chris Caterson and Mary Homan

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky and Betsy O'Malley

Committee Members Present: Jean Hollister, Judy Ochse, Emily Perkins, Charm Giangrieco, Katie Rosenkrans

I. Old Business:

- ✓ **October 2010 In-Service Day:** Mrs. Hollister has scheduled two speakers for the Friday, October 8, 2010 in-service day. Marletta Hoyt, from the Area Aging Service will be presenting in the morning as well a team from Peoples' Bank in Montrose. Marletta will be discussing the care alternatives for the elderly as a number of our employees have been faced with that concern over the past few years. The folks from Peoples' will be discussing the issues of Identity and ATM theft. Dave Schoeneck, a representative from Family Heritage Life Insurance Company of America, will also speak in the afternoon regarding the alternatives for catastrophic life insurance that are available for our employees. Again, this will be a timely session as many of our employees have experienced family and personal issues in this regard. There will also be a representative from Kades-Margolis on hand to do their annual explanation of the district 403B plan.
- ✓ **2010 Immunization Requirements:** The immunization requirements discussed last spring are now officially required by the state. This includes a second chicken pox immunization for all students in K-12 unless they have previously contracted the disease. Also, students are required to have a T-DAP immunization prior to making the transition from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The nursing staff is working diligently to communicate these new requirements to all parents as there are a large number of students who have yet to fulfill these requirements. They must be completed prior to the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.
- ✓ **Substitute School Nurses:** We now have four new substitute nurses available to assist us throughout the school year. All have gone through an orientation session with the nursing staff in order to familiarize themselves with the procedures and protocol in the nurses' offices.

II. New Business

- ✓ **Lathrop Street Nurse's Office:** Emily Perkins took the group through a quick tour of the reconstructed nurse's office at Lathrop Street pointing out the areas that were addressed and the improvements to the facility. She thanked the board for their support of the project as well as the custodial staff for all of their efforts in making the reconstruction happen.
- ✓ **SHARR:** Mr. Ognosky provided a copy of the final 2009-2010 Department of Health "Request for Reimbursement and Report of School Health Services" report. This is an annual report prepared and submitted by the School District to the Department of Health, Division of School Health, detailing a variety of data regarding services delivered throughout the previous school year. Numbers are collected on medical and dental services, staff qualifications, district expenditures for services provided, and the number of students serviced in a variety of areas. Those areas include health screenings for students, health services

for adults and staff, chronic conditions, serious school injuries and medication administration. I have included a copy of the final submitted report with the minutes of the meeting. The report had to be submitted by the September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ **Head Lice Procedures:** Mr. Ognosky led a discussion regarding the current practices and procedures carried out in the district regarding potential head lice concerns in all three buildings. During the discussion the nurses offered their current practices and procedures in an effort to ensure that there was a consistent practice throughout the district in each building. A common packet has been developed and will be distributed to parents on an as needed basis. Mr. Ognosky thanked all of the nurses for their diligence in working through this process.

III. Open Forum: The following items were discussed in the open forum segment:

- ✓ Katie Rosenkrans discussed the lunch room offerings at the elementary schools, specifically, the nachos entry that was offered as one of the main lunch choices earlier in the year. She asked that the lunch menu continue to be evaluated for its nutritional content and asked if the menu could be more varied. Ms. O'Malley will be meeting with the Elementary Principals' Student Liaison Committees in the near future and that will be one of the items of discussion as she will ask them for suggestions for other menu items.
- ✓ Katie then continued on the theme of nutritional education and asked if more time could be provided for the topic in the curriculum at the elementary level. A lively discussion ensued, and Mr. Ognosky asked that Katie come back to the committee at our next meeting with additional thoughts and alternatives regarding the delivery of nutritional education curriculum.
- ✓ Emily Perkins asked if the phone in the Lathrop Street Nurse's Office could be relocated from its current location to her desk area. Mr. Ognosky will ask Mr. Owens to notify Guyette Communications of the need for the move and ask that it be done as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

*Mike Ognosky*

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