



School Health Advisory Board

MINUTES

Oct 17, 2023

*Alexandria City High School
3330 King St. Room B132*

I. Call to Order

Call to order at 6:47 by Deborah Akinyele, Chair.

Attendance:

Voting Representatives	
Deborah Akinyele	First Term, Community Member
Kristin Donley	First Term, CB/GW/ACHS, Staff
Ursula Rocha	First Term, GWMS/ACHS, Staff
Bridget Baron	Student Representative
Amanda Kelley	Community Member, parent
Brooke Sydonor Curran	First Term, Community Member
Non-voting Representatives	
Dr. Victor Martin	Staff Liaison

II. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

All in favor.



III. Approval of Meeting Minutes <Insert Prior Meeting Date>

All in favor

IV. Communications and Addresses to the Advisory Committee

N/A

V. Old Business and Action Items

- Student Advocacy Committee: Four students have been recruited. They will hold their first meeting next week (10/23 -10/27). Bridget and Kimberly will be the liaisons with this advocacy group.
- Back to School Night: Interview parents
- Data review from the Youth Support Network Landscape Study Community Meeting (Caitlin Brown): Out of School Programs: Victor Martin and Brooke Sydnor will update SHAB with information from that meeting.
- Annual report: please look at it and add comments/information as needed.
- Community Partners and Organizations: Kristen Donley and Ursula Rocha will bring a list of our community partners. This is a working document and will grow as more information is available.
 - We don't always get reports from Community Organizations, outcomes, etc.
 - Brooke: What is the best way to update schools on our data?
 - Amanda: What are the PTA relationships with community partners? She will reach out to the PTAs.
 - Deborah: What are the schools with more significant needs?
 - Victor: Some organizations need to be updated. Victor will share a list of organizations with Ursula and Kristen.
- Update on secondary PE class sizes:
 - How are we supporting our students in the citywide programs? What is the IAs support for instruction? Have we trained our IAs? Safety?
 - Collaboration with the Office of Specialized Instruction.
 - One Adaptive PE teacher working with all the students in the city who have an IEP that requires Adaptive PE.
 - Most classes are capped at 35 students. At PH, one teacher had 89 students; now they have an extra PE teacher, which has added a vacancy at the elementary level.
 - For next year at PH, the incoming 6th graders will have classes with over 66 students per class. Only one session. Classes need to be spread throughout the day.



- High School: almost all of their classes are over 35. PE teachers should be given a stipend if they go over 200, but we are not. Mr. Duncan is requesting two more FTEs and one more FTE for swimming.
- Numbers across the board are not equitable when we compared PE teachers with other teachers. Is there a formula for staff allocation? If so, what is the formula? Kristin has reached out to HR for that information.
- How will this be impacted by the High School Project?
- What is impacting this inequity? Funding issue.
- Having this many students in one room, has a negative health consequence as it leads to chronic absenteeism.
- Its impacting teachers well being and retention. Highly qualified teachers are not staying.

VI. New Business and Reports

Vaccination data:

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The following table is a comparison of the VDOE Immunization Reports for ACPS for 2022 and 2023. This data reports the immunization status of Kindergarten, 7th grade and 12th grade students on the first day of school each year. The most significant change is seen in the percentage of 12th grade students who were adequately immunized in 2023 (down 7%). The percentage of Kindergarten students who were adequately immunized on the first day of school increased by 4% and 7th grade by 1%.

DAY ONE IMMUNIZATION STATUS	# K students	% K Students	# 7th grade	% 7th grade	# 12th grade	% 12th grade
Students adequately immunized 2022	941/1060	89%	984/1050	92%	1019/1084	94%
Students adequately immunized 2023	991/1060	93%	1002/1076	93%	846/978	87%
Medical Exemptions 2022	4		7		85	
Medical Exemptions 2023	3		6		57	
Religious Exemptions 2022	10		4		0	
Religious Exemptions 2023	2		6		5	

School-located vaccinations provided by the Alexandria Health Department have helped to bring approximately 100 students into compliance since June 2023.

Recommendations for addressing mandated immunizations include:

1. Ensure that all ACPS schools are following a consistent procedure for managing students who are noncompliant with immunization mandates and that these procedures are clearly communicated to



families. Procedures should address conditional enrollment and exclusion and be consistently implemented.

2. Plan to give school nurses 3-5 days during the summer to work on immunization compliance prior to the start of the school year. This would have budget implications.

3. Continue to partner with the Alexandria Health Department to provide school-located vaccination events at our secondary schools.

Robin and Victor are working on vaccinations clinics and community partnerships to support vaccination numbers.

VII. Chair's Report

School Board: is rebuilding connections with Advisory Committees.

Policies may be evaluated.

Follow-up presentation to the School Board: data driven work session? Tammy will be the liaison on this.

VIII. Announcements by Members

A summary of this item

IX. Future Business

A summary of future items coming before the committee and the next meeting date

X. Adjournment

Record of the vote to adjourn, as well as the time of adjournment