**Providence School Department**

**797 Westminster Street**

**Providence, RI 02903**

**Health & Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

1. **Convene Meeting**
   1. Call to Order – Chairman Munhingabo called the meeting order at 5:02 PM

Night Jean Muhingabo and Toni Akin were present to complete quorum

Carolina Roberts-Santana did not attend the meeting

**In Attendance:** Julie Lombard, Cristiana Ordonez, Bright Osajie, Karin Wetherall, Joanna Raymond, Aaron Lenart,

Kate Ginder, Isaac Reid, Warren Heyman, Shannon Gormley, Tanya Gilbert, Simone Punchak, Aubrey Johnson and Samantha Brinz

**Meeting was livestreamed on Youtube.com Providence School Board Health & Wellness Committee 1-24-2024**

1. **Approve Agenda**
   1. Approval of Agenda as Presented

**At this time a Motion was made to take the Agenda out of order and hear items 6.0 Planning (6.1 & 6.2) before 4.0 Announcements**

**MSV – Akin, Muhingabo (2-0) MOTION APPROVED**

1. **Consent Agenda**
   1. Approval of Consent Agenda

**MSV – Akin, Muhingabo (2-0) MOTION APPROVED**

* 1. Approval of Minutes 11-29-2024

**MSV – Akin, Muhingabo (2-0) MOTION APPROVED**

**Chairman Muhingabo wanted to welcome and thank everyone for coming to the Health & Wellness Committee Meeting especially after work and he thanked students who are in attendance for this meeting. He also asked if there was anyone new attending the Health & Wellness Committee Meeting?**

**Samantha Brinz – Yes, I am. My name is Samantha Brinz and I work for the Rhode Island Department of Education.**

**Chairman Muhingabo thanked her for coming and also asked everyone to introduce themselves.**

**Everyone introduced themselves -** Julie Lombard from Providence Public School District, Cristiana Ordonez from PCHC SMART Clinic, Bright Osajie from Neighborhood Health Plan of RI, Karin Wetherall from Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition, Joanna Raymond from SNAP-Ed (URI), Aaron Lenart from Sodexo, Kate Ginder from Sodexo Food Corps, Isaac Reid from Sodexo Food Corps, Warren Heyman from Rhode Island School Recycling Project, Shannon Gormley Civic Teacher @ Central High School, Tanya Gilbert from City of Providence/Healthy Community Office, Simone Punchak from Classical High School, Aubrey Johnson Parent and PAC Co-Chair, Samantha Brinz Rhode Island Department of Education and Martha DeMelendez Providence Public School District Manager to the Superintendent & School Board

**6.0 Planning (Item taken out of order at the Approval of the Agenda)**

6.1 Mental Health Fair Panning Share-Out

**A Motion was made to move this item before 4.1**

**MSV – Akin, Muhingabo (2-0) MOTION APPROVED**

6.2 Sub-Committee Working Groups – 10 Minute meet share-out

**Chairman Muhingabo stated that there was a student from Classical High**

**School attending this evening.**

**Simone Punchak – I am a member of the Girl Scouts in Providence and part of**

**that is having the opportunity to have a Gold Award and so for my Gold Award**

**I chose to address mental health. I thought through creating various posters**

**and I also have some affirmations to pass them around and there are six (6)**

**different topics and seven (7) designs. They also have access to QR Code that**

**takes the student to a website that has a page of national resources, local**

**resources as well as information on tele help and a couple of other things like a**

**survey they could fill out if they want to advocate for their concerns. There are**

**posters in case they want to hang them all over their schools as well. I let**

**people of my school review it as well as offices from the district. I also belong**

**to a couple of other organizations like Tobacco Free RI and Brown Advisory**

**Board Youth Advisory Board.**

**4.0 Announcements**

4.1 Welcome

* 1. Introduction of all Members of the Health & Wellness Committee

**5.0 Presentations**

5.1 SMART Clinic (Presented by Cristiana Ordonez)

5.2 SODEXO (Presented by Aaron Lenart)

**7.0 Adjourn**

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

**At this time a Motion was made to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:50 PM**

**MSV – Akin, Muhingabo (2-0) MOTION APPROVED**