



## **Wellness Policy Committee Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 2, 2025**

**Present:** Marianne Thole, Lauren Moore, Elizabeth Werner, Christine Mehlhorn, Rita Thorson, Kelly Gutierrez, Willa Lovett, Nicole Dockham

**Absent:** Jessica Skilling, Susan Schultz, Medora Benson, Joann Karetov, Claire North, Anna Tiffany, Robin Moore, Alec Brandt, Terri Smith

Recap of grants (applied for, received, not received) - Marianne, Rita, Elizabeth, Nicole

Marianne- Cafeteria - Full Tray Grant \$15K for 25/26 school year. This is a 1:1 match grant to be used on local MN foods for the cafeteria. Snowshoe Grant \$10K from LivingHealthy Washington County SHIP to purchase 48 snowshoes and racks for student and staff use.

Rita/Marianne – No Child Left Inside Grant MN DNR - \$5K for the installation of a Frisbee golf course along Discovery Trail. We are working with Cale Leiviska (world renowned Frisbee golfer and course designer) to get this course designed, baskets and discs purchased. Hopeful for a summer install!

Elizabeth – Garden Grants – AGRI grant applied for as well as the Stillwater Foundation Grant for the garden project. We did not receive either of the grants. The Garden club is taking a break and will re-group over the summer. With Laura P leaving, this has broken a link to the US student energy. Kate Gilman is potentially interested in helping with the Garden Club. Nicole Case is heading up Service Club and they are working on sustainable projects for 25/26, so this will be helpful.

Nicole – Update on Chill Kits, in each division work room. These were from the Allina Change to Chill Grant. This is a \$500 grant with only \$176 spent. There will be carry over from last year as well, with a total of \$824 for next year. This grant will be applied for again in the Fall of 2025. Christine M and Nicole have said that the kits have been getting used. Nicole has applied for a mental health grant (Prairie Care) to be used to bring in “Youth Frontiers” which is a group that does day long retreats. Kelly suggested teaming up with Monica from the Foundation if funding is not realized or use some of the Change to Chill extra money.

- Update/finalize 24/25 Action Plan

The action plan will be updated for the last time this week and posted to the website.



- Ideas/thoughts about action items for next year

Frisbee Golf Course completion and added to the curriculum

Garden Project

Coordinate Youth Frontier Retreat for mental health

Cafeteria – bring in local foods to enhance the salad bar

MN Farm to School Institute – June 2025 – Marianne, Joey K, Nicole C and Natalie Y will be attending. The goal is to get more information into the classroom on where food comes from with lessons, projects, garden outings, etc...This will be a great learning experience for us to bring back to each division.

Set meeting dates for 25/26 school year

Tentative meeting dates for 25/26 SY

These dates were agreed on since not everyone is in the building for PD days.

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30

November 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30

February 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30

May 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30