

Beebe School Site Council

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2024

5:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Roll Call of Members: Staci Rubin, Rosalie Norris, Elizabeth Paulsen Tonogbanua, Christopher Fitzpatrick, Christina Cunningham, Yihua (Eva) Jiang, and Kari-ann Murphy, Erin Chiesa, Tiffany Ciccarelli-Moore

Present: Ms. Rubin, Dr. Murphy, Kari-ann Murphy, Christopher Fitzpatrick, Eva Jiang, Katherine Tarca, Ada He, Erin Chiesa, 5 guests

1. Elementary Health Curriculum

- Mr. Conefry, the Health director, joined the meeting to share information on the health curriculum. Mr. Conefry shared that the curriculum has not been updated in 25 years. The program takes a skill-based approach. Great Body workshop is used in Prek-12.
- Sexual Education is not taught directly and would not be taught without notification to families
- Grades K-4 are science based: body systems
- Middle grades: hygiene, puberty, biological reproduction, consent and safety
- These units are somewhat aligned to the framework set by the state. There is a parent portal and the link will be shared. According to Mr. Conefry, the curriculum is aligned with federal standards and may be better than the newly revised state guidelines. To his knowledge, there is not a process underway to align the curriculum with the new state guidelines.
- In response to the question about drug use being covered, Mr. Conefry shared he works with the city on this topic and will provide a 1 pager. Grade 5 begins the education component on drugs and drug use. Stop the Stigma and Malden Overcoming addiction are two groups who come in to speak to the older elementary grades.
- The group agreed to several next steps:
 - Mr. Conefry will send the link to the Google Drive which has all the Parent letters with instructions on how to create a free

account and login information.

- [HERE](#) is the link to all the parent letters, which Dr. Murphy shared with school families.

- Mr. Conefrey will convene a group of parents interested in discussing updates to the curriculum.

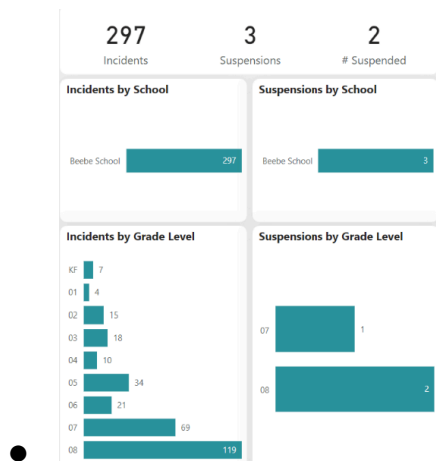
2. Class Configurations for Current 5th Graders entering 6th Grade in fall 2024

- The configuration of grade 5 & 6 will depend on budgets and enrollment numbers

3. April, May, and June Cultural Heritage Plans

- Women's Panel: We have a variety of vocations represented: Geneticist, clinical trial scientist, police officer, Haitian folklore dancer, theater director from a local college, and AI programmer, & sculptor. The event is set up so that each woman is in a classroom presenting to one class at a time and the classes rotate between classrooms to hear the presentations.

4. Disciplinary Data



5. Review Action Items from January Meeting

- Time ran out so we did not cover this item.