

Life Threatening Allergy Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2013

Attending: Dr. Anderson, Mark Dalton, Debbie McMeel, Steve Morse, Tobi Melton, Wendy Barrett, Laurie Anderson, Chad Larsen, Ann Buswell

- Reviewed the recommendations from the previous meeting.
- Moving the recommendations on binders for all secretaries to the “recommended, needs funding” section of the binder, as well as the “decided” section of the binder. This may take a small budget to train secretaries, monitor, and begin implementing the first year.
- Discussed adding more detail in the transportation section.
- Mark Dalton will communicate with all food service personnel to ensure that there are “non-peanut” substitutions available in the refrigerator.
- Wade King and Northern Heights are going to pilot the “office binder/sub folder” program starting on January 6th 2014. Tobi Melton and Debbie will purchase the necessary materials for the program. The pilot program will help us see potential glitches prior to rolling it out district wide. We also discussed that this may be more pertinent at the elementary level, because students begin to develop a little more self-awareness and self-advocacy skills as they get older.
- We are still awaiting the OSPI recommendation for board policy around the stock EpiPen issue. That will be our main topic of discussion at the December meeting. If OSPI doesn’t meet the Dec. 1 deadline to give us this sample policy, we will postpone the Dec. 11 meeting.
- Issues with training middle school coaches and as well as other staff will be solved if we implement the Safe Schools software.

End of meeting comments by team

- Very thankful for the parent representatives. Good process. Glad people are willing to share. A process like this takes lots of vetting by a wide group of people representing different groups.
- I am pleased the Bellingham School District is ahead of the game on this.
- I would like to thank the nurses. They have been carrying a lot of weight on this and they can’t do it all.
- Improving procedures and documentations and broadening the responsibility is good.
- It makes me happy to see what the district is doing for students with life threatening allergies and individual health plans. Makes me more comfortable sending my kids to school.

- I like having parent/doctor/nurse/coach/principal/variety of voices on the team. Include bus driver and another coach? As a parent, I can sympathize with the complexity of this issue, especially with after school and parent programs.
- Thanks everyone for another great meeting!

Next Meeting is 1:45-3:45 on Wednesday, December 11

Agenda:

- 1) Look at the standardized registration checklist. (Debbie)
- 2) Look at the revised food substitution forms. (Mark)
- 3) Look at the OSPI guidelines for stock EpiPens
- 4) Discuss the EpiPen clothing issue for overweight students or students with thick clothing/pants.