

**New Milford Board of Education
Wellness Advisory Committee Minutes
May 19, 2016
Lillis Administration Building, Board Room**

Present: Committee Co-Chairs: Dr. Genie Slone, Mrs. Laura Olson
Committee Members: Mrs. Cindy Gallagher, Dr. Diane D’Isidori, Mrs. Stacey Kabasakalian, Mrs. Susan Murray, Mrs. Mary Orcutt, Mrs. Mariann Schirizzo

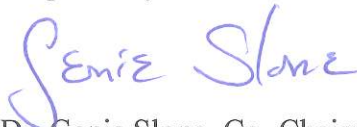
1.	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Genie Slone called the Wellness Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. 	<p>Call to Order</p>
2.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no Public Comment. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
3.	<p>Items of Information</p> <p>A. Food Service Audit by the CSDE: A look at the audit process and summary of the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before her presentation, Dr. Slone explained that Sandra Sullivan, Director of Food Services, was not able to attend due to the fact that some of her employees were being recognized at a dinner in New Haven. She stated she will do her best to answer any questions and if she could not answer the question, she would find the answer out and let them know. • Dr. Slone started her presentation, explaining that the audit is done every 3 years. She went through the different stages of the audit and the findings. • New Milford fared very well on the audit with only a few corrective actions noted. She did note that one of the items for corrective action was to update our Wellness Policy. Dr. Slone stated that perhaps one of the things that this committee should look at is our Wellness Policy and then make recommendations to the Policy Committee of the BOE. Dr. Slone did note that the Wellness Advisory Committee would not be creating the policy, just making recommendations to the BOE, as they are the ones who ultimately approve the policy. 	<p>Dr. Genie Slone</p> <p>RECEIVED TOWN CLERK 2016 MAY 27 A 10:19 NEW MILFORD, CT DS</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>A Therapeutic Intervention Model at NMHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Olson showed a power point presentation which highlighted the Intervention Model and what it is. She stated that during our NEASC visit for NMHS it was noted that New Milford does not have an alternative high school for those at risk students.• During the presentation which outlines the program, Mrs. Olson stated that New Milford has a student that is outplaced to a facility who uses this program and it was successful. The student will be coming back to NMHS in the fall to start the program here.• Mrs. Mariann Schirizzo stated that Weston HS uses this model and perhaps Mrs. Olson or Mr. Shugrue should touch base with them as well.• Mrs. Olson stated that once we have this program up and running smoothly, she would love to include the middle school and lower grades in on the model so that we can offer help to those students before they get to the HS.• Mrs. Stacey Kabasakalian said that she was at a DCF meeting recently and New Milford was mentioned as “cutting edge” for this area for starting this program.• A discussion was had regarding the school counselors and their involvement in the program. Mrs. Mariann Schirizzo stated that perhaps at Open House or Parent Night at the schools, they can state what the role of the school counselor is for parents and students. Unfortunately, a lot of parents are under the impression that the guidance counselors are there for therapeutic counseling which is not always the case.• Mrs. Olson stated that she will update this Committee in the fall on how the program is running.• Dr. Slone reiterated that for next year’s Wellness Advisory Committee meetings we should be looking at making recommendations	<p>Mrs. Laura Olson</p>
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	<p>to our Wellness Policy, by looking at our present policy and comparing to any new laws that have been passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any topics for next year's meetings should be sent to Mrs. Olson.	
4.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was no Public Comment.	<p>Public Comment</p>
5.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Dr. Genie Slone, Co- Chairperson



Mrs. Laura Olson, Co-Chairperson
Wellness Advisory Committee