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MINUTES
WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 24, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Workplace Safety Committee was held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 in the Board Room and via Zoom.

The following nine (9) members participated as follows: Susan Romanski, Denise Johnson, Erica Germani, Paul Gregorski, Brian Landry, Alene Olsommer, Susan Pauler, David Robinson, and Brian Seaman. Members Jennifer Keating and Ellen Muller were absent.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Susan Romanski at 10:30 AM.

Video – at this time the Committee viewed the following video:
“Opioids Destructive Toll on the Workplace”

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Seaman and seconded by David Robinson to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting. The motion carried with all affirmatives.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Report on condition of buildings

RDW - ok
EG - ok
MS - ok
HS - ok
DO - ok

New Business

- Injury Reports – none to report.

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- Email Reports – The Committee received two emails: Ron Franks, Maintenance Supervisor and Jennifer Bradley, Middle School Principal. (1) Ron reported a concern about the doors at the Middle School closing automatically when we have a Code Green or Red Drill. They also close automatically when the fire alarm goes off. (2) Jennifer Bradley's email was a response to this situation. She agreed with Ron and is not sure what the thinking is behind them locking. She does not like the idea of them locking during a fire drill. She is also talking to the SPO's about this situation. Ron's second email informed the Committee that he had made a phone call to Johnson Controls to inquire about installing a Code Red button in the Middle School office that will automatically close the Fire Doors in the Middle School without the fire alarm being activated. He is waiting for a reply from the company. Discussion was held. David Robinson explained that this was set up as a safety feature for intruder/shooter deterrent to prevent getting into different hallways/sections of the building. Several members felt that for a fire drill, the doors can be held open for students/staff to return and is not a safety hazard.
- Discussion was held on the video that the Committee viewed on Opioids in the Workplace. Susan Romanski also informed the Committee that due to Act 57 of 2021 amending the Workers Compensation Act to require employers who have a certified safety committee as part of their workers' compensation program to include information about the risks associated with the use of opioids. Under Act 57, an employer would need to share material with employees about the risks associated with the use of opioids as part of their safety committee in order to be certified and receive the discount. This will be part of our Annual Safety Training being held next month. Suggestions were discussed as to getting the information out to the employees after our training. Emails, videos, and required trainings were all discussed. Confirming receipt of this new training component will also be part of the audit process.
- Annual Training – Susan Romanski reminded the Committee of the two dates of March 9th and 17th at 10:30 AM for training. Members can pick either date. Committee members were asked to let Susan Romanski know which date they will be attending the training.

Future Meeting

The March meeting date will be the annual trainings.

Adjournment

Alene Olsommer made a motion seconded by Brian Seaman to adjourn the meeting of the Workplace Safety Committee meeting at 10:46 AM.

The motion carried with all affirmative.

Susan Romanski

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