

**Safe Schools Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021**

In attendance: Bill Desmond (for Ron Crowe), Maria Ramadane, Dolores Robison, Justin Wilk, Jenifer Wall, Mickel Lewis, Amber Macerelli, Scott Hall, Erik Carlsen-Landy, Heather Martinsen, Samuel Chislom, Jr., Denise Huebner, John Wallingford, Jacquelyn Gaston, Heather Wisnieski, and Jarcelynn Hart

Not in attendance: Tamaica Jackson, Jennifer Smith, Andrew Barton, Craig Lawhead, Christopher Brothers, and Chrissy Marie Fauls

Citizen's Comments

- No citizens were present.

Welcome Introductions, and Resources

Review approved meeting minutes from April 12, 2021 meeting

Essential Information and Resources

- Mr. Carlsen-Landy explained rationale for returning to in-person meetings vs. virtual meetings. Noting that since the Governor has lifted the state of emergency, meetings must be in person.

Presentation, COVID-19, Return to School Update

- Ms. Huebner presented an overview of the current recommendations from VDOE re: COVID prevention strategies and division efforts in implementing those strategies. She shared that the division is increasing capacity in terms of supporting contact tracing and managing the increased demands on school nurses by contracting services.

SSAC 2021-2022 Community Focus

- Council voted on areas of focus (SEL, Substance Abuse, Vaping, Bully Prevention, Mindfulness, crisis management, and self-care) and discussed possibility of holding an open house where a variety of areas can be highlighted. The plan will be finalized at the. Next meeting.

8 p.m. Motion to Adjourn by Heather Martinson and seconded by Jackie Gaston

Next Meeting: Monday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.