



Wellness Advisory Council for Schools (WACS) Agenda

Purpose: The Wellness Advisory Council for Schools (WACS) is an advisory council whose purpose is to support and enhance student health and wellness for Poudre School District. WACS defines “Wellness as the foundation for learning. It is sustained by creating and maintaining environments, policies, practices, access to services and resources, and attitudes that develop and support the inter-related dimensions of physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social health.”

**January 2020
PSD Partnership Center**

Agenda

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Inform</u>	<u>Discuss & Report Out</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Updates WACS rotating seats and applications	x	x	x
Review and discuss current PSD Tobacco Policy	x		
Review NEW Changes to tobacco policy	x	x	x
Community Comments			

Action Items

Item	Assigned to	Date Due
1.		
2.		
3.		

Next meeting:

March 2020



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WACS questions and comments regarding JICH-R Policy

- Because the consequence for a first offense differs between possession/use and buying/selling, how would consequences be applied if a student both buys/sells and uses/possesses drugs?
 - o Do we go with the more severe punishment?
 - o Do we need to add more allowance in the language surrounding consequences of buying, or change language?
 - o A student who sells to multiple people is more severe than one student using once, how will the consequences differ and who determines/how do we determine the severity of the situation?
 - o Who determines what substance is more severe?
 - o How do we navigate punishment surrounding different substances? Do we add discretion to the language?
 - Deans consult SROs, drug & alcohol counselors, etc.
 - There needs to be more consistency between the schools regarding consequences- currently very site based.
- Is there language we can add or change surrounding vaping other substances? What are the resources available to staff to determine if a vaping product is tobacco based instead of other more harmful substances?
- PSD expulsion rate has doubled over the past three years which effects graduation rates.
 - We also need to consider the community point of view when regarding expulsion rates, as these students become members of society.
- Can we add an alternative option to suspension for site-based programs for first offenses? Athletes are another issue as coaches have their own policies for their team.
- We like the education component that is added in for the first offense
 - o Add additional education in the second offense
 - o Add education for purchase/distribution

Make sure once everything is passed, we debrief administrators, so they understand the new policies and procedures.



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Other news:

- Museum of Discovery is doing a mind matters exhibit in October 2020. This will showcase signs of mental health, resources, etc.
- January 30th in Loveland, county stakeholder meeting surrounding vaping. (See attached flyer)
- Rocky Wellness Day is on March 5th
- A 3-night parent series will be held at Fort Collins High School. Topics will include marijuana and the brain, drug teen culture, and vaping. There will also be a night where topics are covered in Spanish.
- Mental Health Matters is in May