

## **Community Relations & Advocacy**

### **November 2, 2021 @ 1:00PM**

Present: Trisha Page, Mark Staples, Jessica Jackson, Heather Leas, Beth Slette, Rachael Agre, Vince Williams, Dawn Miller, Annie Richards, and Alicia Severson

#### **Mental Health Linkage**

1. Alicia polled the board and administration
  - a. Monday, November 29 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
2. Linkage will be groups of parents and students. (35-50 people total)
  - a. Six stakeholders from the same group. (Parents or Students)
  - b. One board member that will facilitate.
  - c. One administration that will capture the responses to the questions.
3. Final questions based on conversation:
  - a. What barriers have you seen or experienced that make it difficult to be open about mental health struggles?
  - b. How have or would you recognize that you are in self-distress and in need of support?
  - c. Do you know what services are available?
  - d. What has made it difficult to access services?
  - e. What services should be offered in the schools?
  - f. What makes a space or a person feel safe?
    - i. How can adults make relationships with students a way that students feel safe in our learning environments?
  - g. What is the best way to partner between school and home with the goal of best supporting students?
  - h. How can our teachers better support the mental health of students in general classroom settings versus just those counseling or support sessions?
4. Communications Department will send out an interest survey to parents and we will notify those selected to participate prior to Thanksgiving break.
5. Administration will be meeting internally at a later date to finalize details.

\*\*\*Location of Liberty Middle School was determined a few days later\*\*\*