

Mounds View Public Schools
District – Wide Health and Safety Committee
Minutes
FY 08-09

Date of meeting: November 11th 2008

Next Meeting: February 10th 2009

Location: Maintenance Dept. Ramsey Co. Public Works

Present: Kathy Bradley, Kay Jakubowski, Steve Gunn – Smith, Tom Heimkes

Absent: Graham Wright, Debbie Crampton, Mary Jane Housh, Molly Eilertson, Angela Folch, Kathy Knutson

- **Employee Injury Review**

Reviewed work related injuries from the period of 6/1/08 – 10/31/08

- **Imminent OSHA inspections/Where we are at.**

During the last Mock OSHA inspection a few items were found that required immediate attention. Mock OSHA inspections are done for our behalf by the Metro ECSU and are a great resource to make sure we are in compliance.

- **IAQ District Surveys**

The Safety committee reviewed the need and the purpose of the IAQ surveys and talked about some of the feed back form the schools and staff within the district.

- **Recent Fire Marshal Inspections**

Reviewed the reports from the 5 schools that were inspected this year and some of the code violations that were discovered during the inspection. Overall the district faired very well and Sunny Side gets good marks for being the first school not to have a single code violation. In General the number of violations has dropped considerably throughout the district, A Big Thank You to all Staff.

- **Eyewash stations being installed by the Battery charging areas**

Gravity flow eyewash stations were purchased for the secondary schools for the custodial battery charging areas and we have had defects resulting in leaking cartridges. Fendall has been called and they are aware of issues and will be out to replace the defected bladders of saline solution.

- **Back Support Belts for Lifting**

A question was brought up for back support belts for Special Ed. Paras and the consensus of the committee is that they do more harm then good. It gives the wearer a false sense of security leading to lower back injuries. Back in the late 80's early 90's department stores made them a common practice till they found the employees were reporting more back injuries then before they were made mandatory and they were removed. Unless an employee has Doctors orders they should not be allowed.

