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Smart Choices Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
virtual meeting via Google Meets

Attendees: Anna Kuczwarskyj - Dakota County School Wellness Consultant, Kassy Podvin - Dakota County Health Promotion Specialist, Mary Ellen Fox - Health Services Supervisor, co-chair, Brittney Hirschauer - Director of Food & Nutrition Service, co-chair, Michaela Burr - Pinecrest School Social Worker, Melissa Millner - School Board Member

Smart Choices Meeting Summary

1. Welcome

2. Presentation given to school board on August 24, 2026 - Brittany

3. SHIP Grant
    a. HMS SHIP Grant - acoustic panels in Cafeteria → installed on ceiling
        i. Ryan Wynn will send info by Nov 13 to Kassy
            1. MS can reapply for this grant again for more panels (manufacturer changed their opinion on how many are needed to decrease the decibel level).
            2. What support is needed?
            3. Is the staff invested in these?
            4. Future plans? Facilities may need to re-distribute panels.
            5. Measure decibel levels now and later?

4. Updates from Dakota County (Kassy)
    a. Stay the same as last year
    b. Present to the administration so they know what can be done.
    c. Contract with Homeland Health (vaccine clinics) is ending after Dec.
        i. Dakota County onsite clinics will still be available
    d. Vaping and chemical health programs for students are still offered
    e. SHIP- Anna is still the contact person
        i. Work Site
            1. 2027 application will open
                a. Breakroom- second one done
                b. Lactation room
                    i. Pinecrest

    f. Ready Set Smile is looking for new school partners
        i. Dental care for students - is Hastings interested?
            1. For primarily elementary and middle school age students who don't have a primary dental care provider.
            2. They would come in 2 times per year

5. Wellness Policy Community of Practice (MDE Cohort meetings) - Brittany

6. Goals and plans for this school year
    a. Recruit a broader base of members - parents/administrators/students
    b. Health curriculum all grades/5th grade
    c. Open meetings to the public - make sure to get dates to LynDee

d. Cannabis and mental health literacy curriculum- Dakota County - 2 new statutes
    i. Andrew Hodges?
e. Flavor Ban for Vapes? Hastings community issue- city of Hastings may contact committee - specifically Kassy as she also works with District 197 on this.

This is the guidance re the MH curriculum:
https://education.mn.gov/mdeprod/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=PROD097606&RevisionSelectionMethod=latestReleased&Rendition=primary

	Smart Choices Committee 2026-2027			
attendance	**Smart Choices Committee**	**Building and Role**	**Phone**	**Email**
	Vacancy	McAuliffe Elementary		
x	Brittney Hirschauer	Director of Food & Nutrition Service, co-chair	651-480-7126	bhirschauer@isd200.org
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	Vacancy	HMS		
x	Michaela Burr	School Social Worker, Pinecrest	651-480-7280 (ask for her to be radioed)	mburr@isd200.org
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x	Melissa Millner	School Board Member		mmillner@isd200.org

Future Smart Choices Committee Meetings:

December 9, 2026 3:30 - 4:30 pm Virtual Meeting via Google Meets
February 17, 2026 3:30 - 4:30 pm Virtual Meeting via Google Meets
April 21, 2026 3:30 - 4:30 Virtual Meeting via Google Meets