KSC Safety Committee Minutes

November 15, 2024 at 1:00

Members Present: Lynne Andrews, ~~Katherine Bain, John Bates, Joe Britton, Michael Brown, Aryca Dubiel~~, Jen English~~, Mike Fuller~~, Isabelle Handy, Jeff Kazin, Misty Kennedy, Jim Kraly, Julie Kroupa, ~~Loren Launen, Jesse Marcum, Curtis Mead~~, Brian Moore, ~~Jessica Trombley, Chris Wilson~~, Debbie Wood, Emma Conkey, Jack Keenan.

Auxiliary Members: Karyn Kaminski, Beth Mucci.

1. Open meeting at 1:00
2. Choose Inspections
3. Review September and October Incident Results:
   1. September- 1 Medical
      1. Hit by a lacrosse ball, medical received.
   2. October- 1 Report Only, 1 Medical
      1. Tripped while walking, bruises, strain, minor lacerations
      2. Tripped while walking, twisted ankle, medical received
   3. 26 Incidents as of 9/11/2024.
      1. 0 lost time
      2. 10 Medical
      3. 11 strain/sprain
      4. 7 contusions
      5. 2 lacerations
      6. 2 head injury
      7. 1 hearing
      8. 2 chemical contact
      9. 1 needle stick
4. Monthly Topic: 20 Questions
   1. Presentation and Discussion
      1. Answers will be provided in minutes E-mail.
   2. Tentative Topic Schedule:
      1. 2025:

January- Memory Game

March- 60 Seconds to Think

May- TP Game

July- Heat Illness

September- Safe Lifting

November- Near Misses

1. Old Business:
   1. Open Items
      1. Subcommittees-
         1. The Chemical and Biological Safety Sub-Committee met on September 17 and October 31. We are looking at ways to update the Chemical and Biological Safety Procedures for the Sciences document and are looking at removing Methylene Chloride from our campus. EPA finalized a rule on April 30, 2024 that bans most uses of methylene chloride because it can cause cancer and other health issues. If we continue using this in our labs we will have to implement exposure plans, employee monitoring, additional PPE including respiratory protection, and other steps to ensure we aren’t over-exposing our employees. In most cases is can be substituted with safe alternatives.
   2. Closed Items:
      1. Trestle Bridge- The trestle bridge responsibilities are to be held by the City and the State, Keene State College owns no part of the rail trail and has no responsibility for maintenance or safety of that trail. The state has posted a “Caution Hazards” sign. This prompted a discussion of the other trails, etc., to the athletic fields. The underpass under Route 101 is owned by the States, so we have no jurisdiction or authority to work on that. The Martel Court Bridge is owned by KSC, but due to the deterioration, it will be closed to pedestrian traffic starting this winter. Unfortunately, pedestrians will need to find a different way to access those fields.
2. New Business:
   1. Elections- Co-Chairpersons and Secretary. Both are required positions by DOL, and Julie can’t be either, as she is supposed to be an advisor for the committee. We will have elections at our March meeting. Draft policy was sent out to everyone before the meeting so members could review the responsibilities
   2. Elevators- the elevators in the Gym and the Library have on-going concerns. The electricians are aware of this and are working with Kone on trying to find a resolution.
   3. Elliot/CDC sidewalk area- the sidewalk is in rough shape in that location, Julie will investigate if we area able to fix.
3. Roundtable:
   1. DES will be here on Monday to do a 5-year review of our Air Pollution Permit with Julie.
   2. Stop the Bleed kits have been installed next to every AED on campus- training to be offered soon.
   3. Free Narcan training in the Madison Street Lounge on November 19 from 1-2. Open to everyone, no registration required.
4. Confirm next meeting:
   1. Schedule- All meetings will be on Fridays, 10:00- 11:30 in the Student Center 309 Conference Room unless otherwise noted.
   2. 2025 Dates
      1. January 31
      2. March 28 **RHODES N116**
      3. May 2
      4. July 18
      5. September 12
      6. November 14
5. Meeting adjourned at 2:12.