

District Health & Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes – April 10, 2018
District Office Conference Room
SPECIAL MEETING

Start time: 3:00 p.m.

Attendance

Ms. Branagan, Mr. Buchner, Mrs. Crossan, Mr. Delargy, Ms. Drago, Mr. Flynn, Dr. Gibbons, Ms. Groth, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Kelsey, Ms. Krase, Dr. Leccese, Mr. Levine, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Moeller, Ms. Murphy, Mrs. Nash, Dr. Ring, Mr. Sandusky, Ms. Schultz, and Mrs. Sullivan

Welcome

Review of recommendations from the March 27, 2018 meeting by Mr. Delargy

- 1. Increase security so as to cover entrance points at all times buildings are in use**
- 2. Increased security for activities with a focus on visibility**
- 3. Increase in social workers and mental health counseling**
- 4. Continue to reiterate to staff about doors being locked to classrooms**
- 5. Increased discussions with staff regarding security training**
- 6. Look into social media monitoring programs**
- 7. Continue activities/assemblies that focus on team building**
- 8. Explore ways where the SRO or other police agencies can have a greater presence in the school district**

Review of items the committee was happy to see already in place or planned to be started:

- **Ongoing communications with a security agency and updated safety plans**
- **Use of DHS National Incident Management System for incident command as outlined in district and building safety plans**
- **The ability for our cameras to be accessed by emergency agencies**
- **The inclusion of facial recognition and license plate reader technology in the proposed security video management system (awaiting SED approval)**
- **Commencement of Stop the Bleed training for staff members**
- **Inclusion of November Election Day as a conference day, with no students in attendance, in the proposed 2018-19 school calendar**
- **Construction of “man traps” with buzzer and camera system in north and south portables**

Discussion on the following Health and Safety Topics

Suffolk County PD yearly evaluation of our security
Active shooter drills
Metal detectors
Panic button app for staff and students
Silent witness program

Improve communication with parents/guardians during emergencies
Two-way radios for ALL staff
Signage
Armed guards/law enforcement presence in schools

Mr. Delargy stated that he would submit the committee's previous suggestions along with this meeting's suggestions to the Board of Education and Dr. Ring for further review. The additional recommendations are to allow the Suffolk County Police Department to evaluate our security on a yearly basis and use our facility for active shooter drills provided there is proper community notification prior to the event.

Mr. Delargy also stated that he would submit the previous items the committee was happy to see in place or plan to be started to the Board of Education and Dr. Ring. The additional items are the investigation of panic button app options and the silent witness program. Also the review of other programs similar to blackboard connect ed that can provide quicker notifications to all stakeholders in an emergency situation.

Dr. Ring said that he would include these final recommendations in his report to the Board of Education for consideration with the understanding that the Board of Education will determine which initiatives will be implemented based on a full and thorough review of district needs and resources.

Future Meeting Dates:

May 9, 2018

Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.