

District Health & Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2017

Start time: 3:04 p.m.

Attendance attached

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of November 17, 2016 minutes. February 9, 2017 meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Facilities Report

Mr. Martinez informed the group of the concern over the virus carried by Deer ticks. The District was considering an emergency pesticide use that would go before the Board of Education for approval and applied after graduation. He stated that the organic application was only 25% effective and just for the short term. It was also noted that field mice are also carriers and a suggestion was made to contact the Cornell Cooperative for assistance with a study of our fields. Mr. Martinez also informed us of sidewalk and asphalt repairs throughout the District. Dr. Ring noted that the Town of Brookhaven replaced the guardrail at Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School.

Building Concerns

HS – There were issues with the alarm system going off.

MS – The contractor was working on the elevator. There is a rooftop unit above the kitchen that may be replaced.

FJC – Faculty would like the faculty bathrooms unlocked. Mr. Flynn recommended that the faculty bathrooms should remain locked for security purposes.

Health & Safety Concerns

There were concerns of odors in the south portables that was believed to be the adhesive. The District is bringing in a roofer to take core samples. If there is an issue, staff will be relocated from the south portables.

Food Service

No concerns

Emergency Evacuation Drills

All going well. The schools conducted eight fire drills and four lockdowns along with their emergency evacuation drill to a secondary location.

Security

Mr. Flynn spoke briefly about the Emergency Management Plan must now be entered in the NYSED Business Portal. He also stated that interaction with our SRO has been limited because of the area covered by our SRO. Also, our SRO is leaving in June. A suggestion was to call Sarah Anker to complain about the situation.

Mr. Flynn also informed the group that the major issues in other districts were opioid, traffic and gang awareness.

Mr. Sandusky commented that security at JAE is excellent.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Martinez spoke about new projects; new netting for the walkway by the lower lacrosse field and new water fountains with bottle fillers. In the summer, there will be tile replacement, new desks at the HS and MS, and expanded parking lot lighting in South Parking Lot.

Mr. Buchner suggested a new water fountain/bottle filler at the HS Cafeteria would be helpful.

Future Meeting Dates:

November 16, 2017

February 8, 2018

May 9, 2018

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.