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Safety Council February 9, 2022

Room 301

3:30-5:00 PM

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| **Discussion Items**  **Fun Nights**-  Middle school fun nights will be postponed until Spring when students can eat and do activities outdoors. The committee feels this could provide some good opportunities for new activities for students.  **Drinking fountains-**  Some schools have asked to re-open fountains. Fountains are not recommended for opening by DOH currently. They will need to be restarted and run, including testing, before being opened. Bottle fillers are currently operational. This may be a summer project, given that it could take 4-6 weeks to get results back from water testing.  **Masking mandates-**  The Governor has stated today that masks will likely be mandated in schools through March 4th. The District has a plan to assess many factors (survey results, local hospitalizations, vaccination rates, school transmission rates, DOH guidance, etc) through a shared-decision making process to make a recommendation to the Board of Education.  **Large area security-**  There have been long-standing challenges with securing large group areas (area of assembly). The panic hardware needs to be in these large areas and are a challenge to secure in an emergency situation. NYS is still not permitting external devices, but it may be changing in near future. There is funding available for some of these devices once they are available. |