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**Safety Council** October 19, 2022

3:30-5:00 PM

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|  | 1. **Follow-up item: Supersale** (Shana & Jeff)   Shana and Jeff shared the council’s feedback to PTSA and increased security for this year; we have a follow-up meeting in November to discuss additional changes |
|  | **Discussion Items**   1. **Drinking fountains/sinks (BRMS)**   Lead testing has been completed in all sinks (everything except corridor drinking fountains). Filters are changed in bottle fillers as needed, based on filter alerts.  \*\*Corridor drinking fountains are still not in use; they will be tested and should be back in order by Spring   1. **Cell tower (BRMS)**   The Town is looking into a cell phone tower near Thornell Road School and Transfiguration. These are not on school property.   1. **Playground Inspections (Jeff)**   September 15- BOCES Health and Safety Inspection; District also does regular inspections. Everything has been corrected except those that need special orders (see-saw ACE; green tunnel TRE; Red tunnel slide PRE being removed).   1. **Lunch dismissal at high schools (Shana)**   Laura Hefner shared what is supposed to happen at schools during open lunch periods versus what actually happens; shared details from lunch dismissal meeting  Staff check IDs at window when students come back, through main front doors; students should not be leaving during other periods outside of lunch dismissal periods  There are no checks when leaving building; some other students leave who shouldn’t be; security now checks at “hot spots”; sometimes let others back in; some come back under the influence  Major concern: not a single point of exit or entry  Discussion:   * Should someone check IDs at the driveways? * If open lunch ended, it would increase traffic in the Commons * Other food options may entice kids to stay in the Commons * Benefits for staying in school (academic support; social aspect) * Could there be a special place for Seniors? Special foods for them * Is there a way to bring in local foods to entice them to stay (Pontillos, Chipotle, etc) * How many schools have open campus?- can we reach out to others in the area to see how they manage and if they are still allowing open campus? * Winter months are hard for kids to get out and back * Surveying students to see what they would like if open lunches were not available * Should it be just for Seniors? * Juniors are brand new drivers, often going with others; could they have the privilege at the end of the year? 4th quarter * Members also noted that it is a nice privilege for students and that students enjoy it   Takeaways to share:   * Items 1-4 can be shared * Item 5- Lunch dismissal: the council discussed open campus at high schools for juniors and seniors during lunch periods. We are gathering data and discussing further at Secondary Leadership Team. This will be brought back to Safety Council once more information is gathered. |
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