

Minutes of the Safe Schools Committee
Regional School District 14
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The Safe Schools Committee met on Friday, September 20, 2019 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 67 Washington Ave, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were committee members Janet Morgan, Maryanne Van Aken, Mike Devine and Carol Ann Brown. Also present were Alyce Misuraca, Andrew Komar, Declan Curtin, Bill Nemeec, Mike Molzon, Phil Pagano, Officer Marsh, Wayne McAllister, Dr. Olzacki, BOE clerk Karen Daley and one resident.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 12:00 pm.

Construction Security and Background Checks – There have been no additional security or background check issues with O & G contractors. There was an issue with a Knox box being thrown away. O & G will replace it as their workers were responsible for disposing of it. Mr. Nemeec brought up concerns of residents on school property during the day as well as residents with dogs not on leash on property during the school day. This will be looked into and possibly a policy created by the BOE regarding residents on school property during school hours. This is a concern for administration and SRO's not knowing the reason for their presence on the property as well as possible interactions with students when they are outside of the buildings for gym, recess, evacuations etc.

RAPTOR – The RAPTOR system is working well. Mr. Curtin asked for, on behalf of Pam Sordi, clarification of when RAPTOR should be used and when the old method of vetting through the Resident State Troopers office should be used. Guidelines were discussed.

ALICE Training – Office Marsh did training with all new staff in August on the Run, Hide, Fight methods. There was discussion on possible live action training at a later date with all staff. Dr. Olzacki will look into how to work this into staff development time.

Emergency Phone Placement – Ms. Morgan stated that the land line telephones have been received and they will be installed soon. They are red, will be operational in the event of a power outage and will be placed in the schools Main Offices.

Emergency Response Meeting - The committee advised that the 1st responders should come up with a date to meet, apart from the Safe Schools Committee, to discuss sensitive emergency response matters.

Camera Failure Alerts, Software Update – Mr. Pagano updated the committee on the status of the notifications. There are still some bugs to work out. Mr. Pagano will give an update at the next meeting and if there are still issues the committee will request to meet with a representative of Johnson Controls.

Power Outage Backup for Phones and Cameras – Phones are hosted at the high school. When renovation is complete there will be no down time between a power loss and generator back up. This process will ensure the working of the phone network and cameras during power loss.

Public Comment – The resident in attendance, Eileen Budrewicz, asked that if the Board considers a policy on residents on school property during school hours that they do so with a great deal of thought to keep a balance between the schools and community.

Officer Marsh spoke on a couple of school security items that should be looked into at NHS. He recommended inviting Amy Samuelson to the next Safe Schools meeting.

Other Business – Mr. Devine asked if a dress code policy may need to be looked at regarding the hoodies that have surface representing school shootings. The committee decided it would be handled as an individual issue by building administrators. Mr. Devine spoke to Mr. Pagano to make sure the district is up to date on cyber security. Mr. Pagano feels good about our current security and will be attending a seminar on the topic next month to stay current.

Hearing no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Daley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Daley
Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

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