

Minutes of the Safe Schools Committee

Regional School District 14

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The Safe Schools Committee met on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 in the Conference Room of Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were committee members Janet Morgan, Maryanne Van Aken and Mike Devine. Also present were Carol Ann Brown, Andrew Komar, Pam Sordi, Sargent Roden, SRO O'Toole, Mark Harutunian, Amy Samuelson, Wayne McAllister, Dr. Olzacki, and BOE clerk Karen Daley.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 12:05 pm.

NHS door update – The issues with the timing of the bells and doors locking has been resolved.

BES Camera/Lighting costs – In 2018 money was set aside in the amount of \$16,000 that can be used for the projects at WMS and BES. The quote for the needed upgrades is \$14,487.00. Wayne reassured Mr. Devine that the Chinese cannot get into the cameras. Also, these are not federal funds being used to purchase the equipment so we do not need to avoid any certain brands of cameras to be in compliance.

Emergency Responders Meeting update – The emergency responders meeting will occur before the next Safe Schools meeting and they will report back with any concerns.

MES Parks and Rec Concerns – The security concerns with Parks and Rec using MES have been resolved, they have a staff member present to oversee any activities going on in the building.

Lockdown and Stop the Bleed Initiatives – Mr. Harutunian presented information regarding students' possible needs for bathroom facilities and privacy in the event of a long duration lockdown. The cost of the portable lavatory and privacy tent would come to \$30 per classroom for all needed supplies. Ms. Sordi feels that it would not be used by High School students. The committee is not sure if these would be utilized as the amount of time in lockdown isn't generally enough time that facilities would be needed. Also, the frame of mind in a lockdown event is generally over shadows the need for facilities. The committee explored other times when they might be needed. The consensus is that this might be a wise choice for elementary students who may struggle with not having access to facilities but not for middle and high school aged students.

Mr. Harutunian presented information on the "Stop the Bleed" program he would like to see rolled out to all faculty and staff. It may also be worth consider training high school and middle school students. He feels the district would also be wise to train the nurses to be trainers so they could educate new staff as they come on board. The Stop the Bleed training is free of charge. To purchase the Stop the Bleed kits for all classrooms in the district it would cost \$11,000.00. The committee would like to move forward with exploring costs options for the kits as there is grant money available. The kits will need to be monitored for expiration dates to make sure the items are replaced as needed and that the kits remain complete.

NHS/SLAM Updates - The NHS security assessment will be reviewed by Colliers and SLAM. Cameras need to be outfitted at all access points with a straight on view of the people entering as the profile view is not the best angle. This is a placement issue – cameras will be relocated. Ms. Morgan asked for a print out of where all cameras are supposed to be on the entire property, inside and outside. Access points are the biggest concern at this point from a school safety standpoint. SRO O'Toole asked that a do not enter sign be placed at the exit as there is still some confusion.

Public Comment – None

Other Business – Signs will be posted at all schools related to Workplace Violence.

Hearing no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 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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