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Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Safe Schools Committee
Friday, July 30, 2021
12:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Fire House
26 Main St S, Bethlehem, CT 06751

Present

Michael Devine, Chairman
Carol Ann Brown
Christopher Matta

Absent

Tikva Rose

Also Present

Richard Marsh, Police Officer
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent

Patricia Paige, Recording Secretary

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

Law Enforcement Update

Officer Marsh was introduced to the group. Officer Marsh's certifications include Alice Training and Risk Assessments.

Risk Assessment Planning

Officer Marsh prefers to complete the assessments when school is in session and the students and faculty are back in the buildings. The assessments usually take 2 to 3 hours to complete with two schools completed over a two-day period. Reports are typically available after two weeks and will be brought back to the committee for review.

This year, administration would like to include after-school major events i.e. football games; Declan Curtin, the Athletic Director will be included in the process. Security plans will need to be revised with the renovation of the high school.

Convocation Time Slot

Officer Marsh will be providing Active Shooter Training to new staff on August 26th at 9:00.

Training refresher dates for existing staff and risk assessments dates will be discussed at the Admin Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 4th and then shared with Officer Marsh.

Safe School Climate

Ms. Tanguay shared with the group what the individual school administration had in place to address school climate to keep students safe and build stronger relationships. The elementary schools utilize RULER, which will be offered at the middle school this year, and the high school in subsequent years.

Background Checks

The Raptor System is currently utilized by the schools for those termed "occasional visitors" and has been very productive. Mr. McAllister provided a sample of the badge that would be assigned to the party from the system.

The state is currently reviewing policy regarding allowing visitors back into the buildings; giving way for schools to allow, but on a limited and controlled basis.

The process for fingerprinting has been changed; all paperwork emanates from central office.

Other Business Properly Brought Before the Committee

Discussions were had regarding facility usage during and after school hours i.e. fields, courts, etc.

Moving forward, the committee will include building administration representation on a rotating basis. Committee will continue to meet the 4th Friday of every month; 12:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Fire House.

Representatives from ASAP and JRB will be asked to participate in a future meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Christopher Matta and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

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