

Minutes of the Ad hoc Safe Schools Committee
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September 23, 2016

The Safe Schools Committee met on Friday, September 23, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were committee members Maryanne Van Aken, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Wayne McAllister, Sgt. Joe Roden, Trooper Cono d'Elia, Janet Morgan, Mike Devine, Administrator Chrissy Fensore, and BoE clerk Natascha Schwartz. Absent: Carol Ann Brown

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 12:04 pm.

The committee discussed ALICE lock down drill training to be held in December 2016 and January 2017 for all staff in Region 14, including SRO's and Central Office staff. More details to follow.

Dr. Anna gave an update on Social Sentinel advising that they have improved services to give the Region fewer false alerts and using more "geo sensitive" wording to pinpoint the correct location. She will be meeting with the new V.P. of Operations in October to discuss the new feature allows to view stats on quantity of alerts. Dr. Anna also advised that the Region will be looking into other similarly specialized companies for best monitoring/tracking capabilities.

Mr. McAllister reported that 106 background checks have been completed to date and that we are up in comparison to last year at the same time of year. We allowed SROs come to the schools earlier but didn't have a great turn out. Mr. McAllister advised that better communication is needed. Ms. Van Aken suggested having SROs come to the open houses.

Ms. Fensore discussed drug/alcohol challenges and parent education. Suggestions were brought to the table on how to overcome said challenges, such as teacher coaching & support, school assemblies, and a parent's night series using an expert. Ms. Fensore also advised that there are second steps being implemented for pre-K-8. Mr. Devine mentioned that committee should look into CT Community Foundation to get potential funding to develop specific programs/series that would benefit the community/regional.

Sgt. Roden mentioned an upcoming "Threat Assessment Training for K-12 Schools" that will take place from 8:30-12:30pm on November 10, 2016 at the CT Police Academy in Meriden. He encouraged committee members to register.

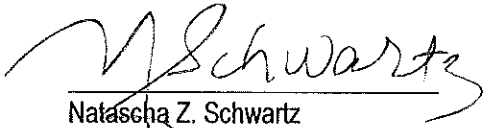
Ms. Van Aken spoke about NHS involvement with JRB. Need additional support staff representation at the high school level.

The committee discussed the evacuation locations for WMS & NHS and will revisit during the next committee meeting in December 2016.

Officer d'Elia suggested a way of identifying room locations during an emergency situation that would simplify communication between first responders. To be discussed further during October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



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Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

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