

Minutes of the Ad hoc Safety Committee
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The Ad hoc Safety Committee met on Thursday, February 25, 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, and Trooper Cono D'Elia; also, Officer Rich Marsh and clerk Deb Carlton.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 2:01 pm.

Regarding NIMS training, Mr. McAllister reported having spoken with Mr. Alfes, and 2 consecutive dates will be chosen for this training.

Regarding active shooter training, Sgt. Roden will oversee this. He said new training is available, and either CT State Police will come here to deliver the training, or he can get one of the local officers trained and then provide it that way. He envisions a talk through training first, followed by more boots on the ground type training in each school, with role players, to be done outside the learning day.

Trooper D'Elia and Officer Marsh reported D.A.R.E. begins in March at BES and MES, with 10-11 lessons planned.

Officer Marsh provided a power point summary of the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (ALICE) training he attended recently. He explained that certification to provide this training can be earned, and that the district's emergency plan can be rewritten to incorporate the strategies – meant to buy time until police arrive.

On the topic of emergency operations planning, Dr. Cutaia-Leonard referenced CT State Police flip charts that Sgt. Roden will make available, 1 for each classroom, which will assist our staff by providing a protocol to follow and questions to ask if a threat is phoned in.

Emergency "to go" kits are needed and Trooper D'Elia will work with Eric Bergeron in planning for the Washington, D.C. trip. This will include point persons and meeting places at each of the sites to be visited during that field trip.

The question had been previously asked: for activities are held in our schools by outside groups, what is the assurance that the adults running the events have been background checked. The parks and rec department is using our background check service, so activities run through that department have met the requirement. Principals will require and confirm that any group coming in to work with kids directly has required adults to be background checked.

To date this school year, 277 volunteers have had background checks. Upcoming field days will cause a rise in applications.

Many of the big budget items have been accomplished, Dr. Cutaia-Leonard noted. If the committee wants to revisit such safety measures as security glass, this will involve vendor analysis of where it should be optimally placed, a multi-year plan to fund, and a cost benefit analysis to justify. Ms. Van Aken added that strategically placed cameras at NHS had been discussed in recognition of the upcoming building project.

The committee also spent time discussing the merits/rational for possibly sending SROs on the D.C. trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Maryanne Van Aken
Maryanne Van Aken, Chair