

Minutes of the Ad hoc Safety Committee
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February 27, 2015

A meeting of the Ad hoc Safety Committee was held on Friday, February 27, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were committee members Maryanne Van Aken, Mike Devine, Paul Ciotti, Wayne McAllister and Deb Carlton.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 12:03 pm.

Mr. Brendan Cotter had come to give the committee information about his new company, Social Sentinal, Inc. located in Burlington, VT. Mr. Cotter developed a system to help identify and manage threats shared on social media, and is marketing it to help increase campus safety and security in K-16 school settings. He cited social media conversations as having been found to be significant, after the fact, in many incidents occurring in schools.

He described the system at length to the committee and took a number of questions about scope of services, likely personnel to review data and time expenditure, and cost.

Ms. Van Aken will be interested in having him return to speak with the entire committee at a later date.

The district is waiting to hear back from Lexis Nexus regarding the status of their services.

Camera installation will begin Monday; Mr. Ciotti will be trailing them as they work in each school. Their schedule will be determined and completion has been promised by May 30, 2015. They are aiming for May 20th.

Mr. Devine noted he is getting information on a "panic button" type of software that would sit on cell phones to notify police/fire/ambulance and would also notify key central office employees and principals.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryanne Van Aken

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