

Minutes of the Ad hoc Safety Committee
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July 25, 2014

A meeting of the Ad hoc Safety Committee was held on Friday, July 25, 2014 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were committee members Maryanne Van Aken, Dr. Frank Sippy, Wayne McAllister, Mike Devine, George Bauer, Offr. Cono D'Elia, Alice Jones, MaryLou Torre, Susan Ruddock, Bill Nemic, Susan Domanico, Paul Ciotti, Chris O'Connor from ComNet Communications LLC, and Dennis Gallen from Kintronics

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

The committee discussed the following:

1. Update on Safety Plan: Mr. McAllister provided the following dates for training as it relates to the safety plan: October 8, 2014, January 14, 2015, and April 8, 2015. The safety plan will be submitted to the state for approval by the deadline of August 28, 2014.

2. Update on background checks: Lexis Nexis is sending a representative to Sgt. Roden's office at 7:30 AM on July 31st to install hardware so that we will be able to begin doing background checks Aug. 1st. S. Ruddock suggested the BOE review policies related to background checks and update where needed. M. Van Aken suggested the principals contact their PTO members and any regular volunteers in their buildings and ask that they get their background checks completed before school begins to avoid a backlog.

3. Presentation/Q&A on Camera Installation Timeline: Chris O'Connor from ComNet Comm. LLC and Dennis Gallen from Kintronics discussed camera installation. They indicated they have not been given a PO and would need a prioritized list of schools before they can begin their work. Dr. Sippy, W. McAllister, P. Ciotti, C. D. Elia, and Sgt. Roden will meet to discuss numbers and placement of cameras. As of Monday, July 28, Kintronics was to issue an updated price list to be analyzed prior to a review and location prioritization. It was suggested the BOE look at policy as it relates to video cameras and signage that should be in place once the cameras are installed.

4. Access control and other safety concerns at BES, MES, WMS and NHS : S. Ruddock indicated that the room swap proposed at the last Ad Hoc Safety meeting was more problematic than first thought. In light of the concerns raised Officer D'Elia requested that the SRO office remain in the same location for the 2014-2015 school year due to ease of outside access and reliable radio transmission. S. Ruddock asked that a lock be installed on the gate on the Harrison Ave. side of the building and fencing be brought up to the building and attached to the gate. She also mentioned the lack of cell phone service since the tower Verizon installed only provides data transmission not voice. S. Ruddock requested 20 phones be installed in classrooms and UA rooms. A. Jones asked about the status of the locking hardware for the PK door and other door at the rear of WMS. W. McAllister indicated the repairs would be done before school begins. Ms Jones also noted the lack of lights at the back of WMS and the front parking area. A. Jones and M. Torres discussed the problem of MES parents using the WMS parking lot as a short cut. A. Jones

will contact Sgt. Roden to request WPD presence during drop off and pick up times. B. Nemic voiced concerns about lack of cameras in the Jr. Parking lot and inside the building. He looks forward to the new cameras and hopes they can be installed ASAP. He also noted the lack of lighting in the back of NHS and the parking areas later in the evenings. M. Torres requested repairs be made to the intercom system at MES. She also noted a void when trying to communicate with staff and students in the cafeteria. When asked by M. Devine how many phones she would need for MES, M. Torres indicated 25 phones would cover all classrooms and other locations. M Devine suggested we apply for the latest round of safety grant dollars to offset fencing and phone costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryanne Van Aken

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