

Minutes of the Ad hoc Safety Committee
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April 24, 2015

A meeting of the Ad hoc Safety Committee was held on Friday, April 24, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were committee members Maryanne Van Aken, Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Mike Molzon, Mike Devine, Paul Ciotti, Janet Morgan, Sgt. Joe Roden, and Deb Carlton.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 12:01 pm.

Staff ID badges:

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard shared information about her meeting with Lifetouch regarding employee and visitor ID badges. Discussion followed regarding the importance of ID badges both internally and to law enforcement and emergency responders.

Social Sentinel, SROs and State Resident Officers:

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard was given tasks following executive session and reported her progress. Mr. McAllister is checking with Bristol. Dr. Cutaia-Leonard checked with Kim Culkin and learned we are all mandated reporters for children within the age group served in our schools. She had conversation with Sgt. Roden and Offr. D'Elia regarding the partnership with the schools on this effort, and they are prepared to receive the alerts and to notify the district of pertinent ones. Board legal counsel has also given approval of the service. A short term trial with the company will give us an idea of how much activity we might get. Sgt. Roden commented that, now, we are missing 100% of the tips we might otherwise be receiving. Mr. Devine stressed the importance of notifying the parents that we will be using the service. Ms. Morgan suggested a press release to all news outlets.

Background Checks:

Sgt. Roden reported this service is back up and running, and about 260 volunteers have been checked. Renewal process was discussed.

Camera Installation:

Mr. Ciotti reported the process is going well, all fiber is in and all schools validated, and copper is being installed at NHS. All Agriscience is done, main office, and starting on the first academic wing, to be completed by Wednesday. Discussion of camera placements in the front of the building, an issue with tree(s) blocking views, and meeting the operational deadline of 5/20 followed.

Student Drop off/Pick Up at NHS:

Mr. Nemeck shared challenges with parents blocking the section of the outer circle available to them for pick up of student after 3 pm. Various solutions were discussed, and he will follow up with communication to parents.

Long range planning:

Discussion included: glass/blinds at WMS, laminate and secure glass, planters at handicap ramps to limit vehicle access, expanding access controls after the renovation, see out/not in windows, and revisiting the office location at MES.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard will discuss these topics further with her leadership team.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryanne Van Aken

Maryanne Van Aken, Chair

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