

Minutes of the Ad hoc Safety Committee
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August 15, 2014

A meeting of the Ad hoc Safety Committee was held on Friday, August 15, 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, Paul Ciotti, and Sgt. Joe Roden

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 12:13 pm.

The committee discussed the following:

1. Update on Safety Plan: Mr. McAllister indicated the report is almost done and on target for submission to the state by the 8/28 deadline.

2. Background Checks: the company we are working with was concerned about a conflict with both the district and police department having access to the data. It was explained to them that only results are to be shared and they found that to be acceptable. Mr. McAllister will have read-only rights in the event Sgt. Roden is unavailable.

Mr. McAllister shared the application to volunteer. Sgt. Roden indicated SROs will be on site next week and will review the application process. Mr. Devine suggested that the safety plan, volunteer application process should both be part of the first teacher in-service. Mr. McAllister assured him each school reviews these procedures. Dr. Sippy will prepare an informational letter for parents. Ms. Van Aken asked to review Board policy 1212 as pertains to volunteers. The group discussed the current policy, and the board will be asked to approve an amendment to it that would remove the word "felony" as the type of conviction that would prohibit volunteer service. This will allow for a lesser charge, which could put children at risk, to disqualify a volunteer applicant.

3. Camera Installation Timeline: Mr. Ciotti said wiring will begin within a week or two once a purchase order is prepared. Additional documentation is needed for this. He explained that using Sanyo products instead of Sony will save about \$15,000 and Mr. McAllister will ensure that this vendor is on the list. A completion date should be available by the next meeting.

4. Phone Installation: Mr. Ciotti said he received a quote for labor for installing 50 phones. Each room will be assessed prior to installation. The cost should be less than \$10,000 and it should take 2 weeks for the project to be completed but 3-4 weeks is more reasonable given the start of school. Ms. Van Aken expressed continued concern about lack of cell service at NHS. There was discussion about the grant application and how to tuck in the need for cell phone service as one of the security needs.

5. Other business: Sgt. Roden reported that active shooter training will be planned for a Saturday, perhaps in November, in one of our own buildings.

As for the need for door locking changes at WMS on the back side of the building, and the fencing at BES, Mr. Devine suggested the grant could be used for those needs, as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryanne Van Aken

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