



DISTRICTWIDE SCHOOL SAFETY TEAM MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2022
12:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present: Mary O’Neill, Robert Stein, Roger Bloom, Dana Docar, Luis Salazar, Doric Capsis, Detective Mike Brown, Todd Goodwin, Patrick McGovern, Barbara Jacobowitz, Paul Almonte, Katherine Joseph, Rich Canalini, Mike Hardy, Guy Forman, Alexa Sakal, Brooke Brown, Kristy McNally, Debbie Wachter, Antoinette Campbell, Dayna Badillo, Todd Adkin

Committee Members Not Present: Robert Troiano, Dr. Pless Dickerson, Dr. Tahira A. DuPree Chase, Danielle Aprigliano, Officer Jessie Cooper

The virtual meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Mary O’Neill, Chair of the committee, welcomed the team to the meeting. She explained that the purpose of the committee is to review the draft school safety plan.

1. Districtwide School Safety Plan - Changes/Revisions to Safety Plan

A “draft” copy of the Districtwide School Safety plan was distributed to the committee members prior to the meeting. Ms. O’Neill explained that the purpose of this committee is to review the safety plan and make any recommended changes prior to the next February 8, 2023 meeting. The committee members provided their suggested changes and/or revisions, which will be incorporated into the “draft” plan as noted below. One change that we must add is Alyssa’s Law, which authorizes school boards to include information regarding the installation of a panic alarm system in any school in the district in the districtwide safety plan. Ms. O’Neill asked that all recommended changes be sent to both Mr. McGovern and Ms. O’Neill no later than February 1st, 2023.

She asked if anyone had any questions or comments. She then asked if the committee prefers to meet in person or remotely.

Alexa Sakal – remote

Jacobowitz – remote

Dana Docar – Majority – but feels virtual is easier and easier to seat individuals.

Todd Adkin – in person

Dr. Bloom – in person in the event that we need to do walk throughs. (This committee does not do walk throughs).

Ms. Joseph – either

Ms. O’Neill – either

Mr. Brown – either



Capsis – remote

McGovern – remote

O’Neill – Remote for this one, the other in person (safety/security)

It was agreed by all that the purpose of this committee is only to review and update the school safety plan and therefore, would be best suited to meet virtually. However, the safety/security committee will meet in person, as they sometimes are required to perform building walk throughs and the like.

Ms. O’Neill received a list of concerns that would customarily be addressed by the Safety/Security Committee, but will address them today as follows:

- 1) **Safety/Security Director Vacancy Update** – Dr. Bloom – they are actively searching to fill that position.
- 2) **Issuance of ID Badges for contractors working on the premises** – we would have to investigate that further. She is not sure what it would cost to issue them. She can work with IT to find out the cost involved in providing those type of badges.
- 3) **Parking Spots for a building** – It was suggested that they go to the building Principal and the Facilities Department to discuss specific parking issues they are experiencing.
- 4) **MS to install speed bumps and stop signs where students cross the lot to the fields** – work with Facilities and building Principal to address these issues.

Action Items:

- Add modifications to the plan with any suggested changes from today’s meeting. (Patrick McGovern)
- The next virtual meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. The meeting details will follow.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michell C. Delmonte-Synnott on behalf of Mary O’Neill