

Pittsford Central School District

Minutes – Safety Council

February 27, 2020
3:30 – 5:00 PM
BRMS – Room 2

Facilitator: Pat Brogan

Minute Taker: Tricia Koehn

Attendees: Richard Albano, Jeff Beardsley, Ann Binstock, ~~Elizabeth Carpenter~~, Kelly Cline, Melanie Ernst, ~~Michael Falzei~~, Teresa Lattuca, Laura Hefner, Kathy Herrick, Amanda Moon, Emily Natoli-Burns, Laura Penkitis, Gina Plattos, ~~Joan Reynolds~~, ~~Caitlin Ullock~~, Pat Vaughan-Brogan, ~~Kelly Wasson~~, Nancy Wayman, Elizabeth Willis, Karen Wilson

Agenda Items:

1. Approved Minutes from December 5, 2020 Meeting
2. Coronavirus
 - Monitoring and taking actions as needed
 - Colleges are looking at travel and Districts are too
 - The Health Department will tell us if we need to close the schools, based on the particular circumstances
 - The Health Department would also determine how long the schools would be closed
 - We are not anticipating a Point of Distribution (POD) right now because there isn't a vaccine
3. Goals – Continuation of Work
 - Analysis of Current Safety, Security with SEL practices
 - Mental Health, Mindfulness, DASA, Restorative Practices, Code of Conduct are all in process
 - We are doing great things but somewhat fragmented- working to develop comprehensive system
 - Looking at resources staff, materials, screenings
 - The state requires a Mental Health Curriculum and social emotional guidelines, benchmarks
 - Restructuring supports with additional staff- Behavioral Specialists, Social Work, Nurses and a TOSA position in the Student Services Office
 - ✓ There has been very positive feedback with the additional staff
 - Have been implementing Restorative Practices in many buildings
 - ✓ Building community, understanding each other, climate in building(s)
 - We are taking a systematic approach gathering data
 - Tomorrow Celebrating public schools and have invited leaders in Mental Health from URM

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- Training Options for Safety
 - We have talked about training options and how we can provide options for training for all staff- more to come at future meetings
- Threat Assessment Process
 - Greta Johnston recently presented on Comprehensive treat assessment, process development will take place starting this spring
- Revisit PTSA questions
 - Feb 2020 revisiting
 - Are our entrances safe –has anyone heard anything more around this
 - ✓ A parent wanted to know why there is so much open space once you are buzzed in, doesn't feel secure from the point of entry to the point of check in
 - ✓ The front desk office staff are very good about checking and screening people as they come in
 - ✓ We do leave it up to the common sense to the people at the front end
 - ✓ They don't have to let you in
- The District doesn't block parent from Wi-Fi
- Buildings have has a shelter in place drill during lunch and it went well
- There are safety plans in place for recess, the staff meets 4 times a year to review and go over update
- All building have plans in place for student with disabilities during an emergency
- When there is a lockdown drill it is announced as a drill
 - Some kids have been anxious during a lockdown drill, but now that they know it is a drill, some of that anxiety is taken away
- The threat to self information that Greta talk about will be provided to mental health staff on Superintendents Conference Day
 - ✓ We can work with PTSA and offer the training to them also
- Bus drivers trained to watch for bullying, at an annual meeting
- It is not required by the state for kids to wear seatbelts, we can't enforce that
 - ✓ There is also a safety concern about them wearing the seat belt incorrectly
 - ✓ Busses are designed to be very safe, this is why kids are to sit in the seats correctly
- How safe are the routes that kids walk to school
 - ✓ We have safe school routes
 - ✓ If a parent is concerned about their child crossing the road they have the option of having their child ride the bus, parents can also reinforce safety training of how to be safe walking to school, crossing the road
- Door stops or closures
 - ✓ We have looked at numerous door stops and have not found one that works
 - ✓ The state has codes far as what we can install on a door, we have to follow those codes
 - ✓ The main concern is to get the door to your room shut and get as much as you can shoved in front of the door
- There was talk about gun safety in families homes at the safety training last year
- Bivona is currently providing lessons at elementary schools
 - ✓ How child can get support and advocate for themselves
 - ✓ Look for trusted adults at home and trusted adults at school
 - ✓ Developmentally appropriate training in each classroom

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4. Updates

- Lead water testing at all building will be done again in 2020
- Annual Visual Inspection are also required in 2020
- Building Condition Survey will be done in 2021; architects and engineers are hired to perform this survey
- SHS Large Scale Emergency Evacuation alternate bus boarding drill will be May 21, 2020
- MHS will have the DWI Simulation on April 30,2020
 - ✓ If students miss this they can watch the video
 - ✓ In the past MHS has brought students back from their BOCES program to attend this simulation

5. Key Take Aways

- Reinforce hand washing and cleaning in the classroom due to viruses going around
- Progress toward goals was discussed
- Required inspections for 2020-2021 we discussed

Safety Council Norms:

1. Starting and ending on time
2. Stay within allotted time frame
3. Work to make decisions in a timely fashions
4. Responsibility to participate- each person represents a group-everyone participates
5. Providing feedback in timely fashion, commit to follow through-put timelines on tasks
6. Identify key take aways to share with groups