



SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2024

12:00 p.m. – Zaino Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Detective Michael Brown, Doric Capsis, PO Jesse Cooper, Dana Docar, Jennifer Doyle, Todd Goodwin, Michael Hardy, Kristy McNally, Pasquale Romeo, Robert Stein, Scott Van Kurin, Beth Wendel, PO Orlando, PO Maguire, Mary O'Neill, James Popkin, Beth Wendel, Katharine Joseph, Kevin Lewis

Committee Members Not Present: Paul Almonte, Danielle Aprigliano, Officer Todd Atkin, Dr. Roger Bloom, Rich Canalini, Dr. Pless Dickerson, Dr. Tahira A. DuPree Chase, Gerriann Henselder, Barbara Jacobowitz, Kristin Mancuso, Alasia McCallum, Patrick McGovern, Alexa Sakal

The in-person meeting commenced at 12:00 p.m. in the Zaino Conference Room. Robert Stein, Assistant Business Administrator for Operations, introduced himself as the Committee Co-Chair and welcomed the committee members to the meeting. He explained that the purpose of the committee is to handle safety and security complaints, building safety plans and drill schedules. Each member followed with a personal introduction.

- 1) **Stop The Bleed Kits** – 350 Stop The Bleed Kits were assembled by Ms. Synnott and Ms. de Armas and distributed to all of the classrooms in January 2024. The kit was approved by the committee's Homeland Security representative, Officer Todd Atkin. Every classroom in the District received a kit. Additional kits can be obtained from Jennifer Doyle, Supervisor of Security.
- 2) **Middle School Crossing Guard** – A crossing guard for the Middle School was approved by the Nassau County Police Department. Officer Cooper was instrumental in this approval. The crossing guard started in the last week of March.
- 3) **PA/Blue Light Systems (Elementary, MS & HS)** – Installation of the blue lights and PA systems for the Elementary schools have been completed. The exterior signage has been installed at Park and Drexel. The exterior signs will be installed at Powells and Dryden next week. The locations of the blue lights were mapped out and confirmed with the Principals prior to installation. Training was done at all schools. Ms. Doyle will visit all elementary gyms to determine if adjustments need to be made to the systems. HS and MS blue lights are budgeted for the 24/25 school year.

- 4) **Security Camera System Replacement** – The District is in the process of replacing its security camera system. The new system should be completed by the end of June.
- 5) **Security Vestibules**- Are scheduled for installation in the Summer of 2025.
- 6) **Bus arrival during Blue Light Event** – There was a question regarding what happens if a school bus arrives during a blue light event. The Transportation Director will work with the Supervisor of Security in coordination with the Principals to come up with a plan for this situation.
- 7) **Unauthorized Movement of East Side Soccer Goal** The east side soccer goal has been moved several times in the last few weeks. A review of the security cameras was unable to determine who was responsible. The Facilities Department has devised a plan to anchor the goal to earth anchors preventing the goal from being moved.
- 8) **Outside Building Use Conflicting with School Games** - It was decided by the committee that building use requests that conflict with official school games should be denied. Facilities will cross reference home games with building use and not grant access to others during games.
- 9) **Call Threats** The issue of call threats was reviewed. The Director of Security will be working on a plan to address call threat events and will report back to the committee with specifics.

There are no additional committee meetings scheduled for the 23/24 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michell C. Delmonte-Synnott