

HEALTH & SAFETY TEAMS MEETING MINUTES

6/6/25

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Ken Baviello	Annamaria Gizzo	Michael Toolan
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Chief Dominick Bueti	Phil Hammack (virtual)	
Sarah Doyle	James Kaishian	

J. Brucato – Began meeting at 10:04 am

- This is our last meeting for this school year
- Reunification Drill April 21st
 - Went very smooth
 - Thank you Briarcliff Police
 - Drone footage
 - Thank you Danny
 - Organized the drill

D. Goldberg

- Reunification Drill April 21st
 - Went well
 - Started at 12:45 pm
 - People aware, everything in place
 - We had four cars to drive students who needed help
 - Pathway was clear thanks to Ken
 - The speed that we went and returned estimated an hour
 - Got to Pace, took attendance
 - Both schools, 45 minutes
 - Then we debriefed

J. Brucato

- Maybe we should introduce some complications next year
- Reunification Drill for Todd next year
 - Go to the church or library
 - Church may be better for capacity reasons

M. Toolan

- Reunification Drill April 21st
 - At 16 minutes everyone was off the Briarcliff HS/MS campus
 - At 25 minutes everyone was accounted for
 - At 41 minutes everyone was off Pace property

A. Alvich

- Introduction
 - Represents the PTA
 - Has children at Todd, 3rd and 5th grade
 - Has worked with Dr. Kaishian for two and a half years
 - Pushed to move voting out of our schools
- "Senior Assassin" game
 - Rehearsed drills are great, but not rehearsed we have this "Senior Assassin" game
 - There are a lot of concerned parents
 - How did they get on campus without being flagged?
 - We have perimeter issues at Todd
 - Can we move the security booth closer to the entrance?
 - The children's field is exposed, anyone can come right up the entrance
 - Dismissal is chaos, is there a protocol for a breach at that time?

- There is a breach of security during dismissal
- It should be made clear to middle school and high school students that they are not allowed on Todd's campus during school hours

M. Toolan

- "Senior Assassin" game at Todd
 - It was May 22
 - Between 1:30 pm and 2:15 pm
 - 1:35 pm the buses are on campus, so the gate was open
 - A monitor was in the lobby and the car line
 - The seniors parked in the front parking lot of the school, so the monitor didn't see them
 - When a staff member saw them, they were told to leave, and they did
 - The "Senior Assassin" game was then canceled by Jim

D. Goldberg

- I spoke to all students and parents involved in the game, even those who weren't on the Todd campus

J. Brucato

- We try to always have someone at the booth
- In between shifts or opening the gate it happens that the booth is left empty at these times
- The priority is to get the kids back into the building

M. Toolan

- Security recognized that the kids were not a threat

J. Kaishian

- This is a great opportunity to review our procedures
- Arrival and dismissal are vulnerable times
- What can we indicate to parents that they can or should do if an issue arises at this time?
- Parent car line pick-up is the crux of problem
- High school kids were recognized and allowed to pass
- How do we know if person driving in car is parent or someone else who has never been on campus?
- Re-prioritize the drop off – this will allow less drop off
- This was not the fault of our security
- This was not the fault of kids getting enthusiastic about a game
- Normally the high school has intel. Take advantage of our culture, our kids are very honest, they rat themselves out.
- Pressure on community, learning opportunity to be fearful

A. Alvich

- Parents addressed the high school students, told them they shouldn't do it
- False sense of safety
 - Sandy Hook shooter was a former student
- This was very serious
- The response felt okay, but it wasn't enough
- There is unprecedented access to our kids

D. Bueti

- What about a School Resource Officer greeting kids at arrival and dismissal

A. Alvich

- Bring guns into school with a police officer?

D. Bueti

- If that was a real threat, we are delayed

A. Alvich

- Some parents feel that the police are close enough

D. Buetti

- We could walk here but we aren't always responding from the police department

S. Doyle (BOCES)

- SRO's have other benefits
 - They bridge the gap between what happens outside and schools and law enforcement

D. Buetti

- SRO's have their own community
 - Example: vapes

J. Kaishian

- Not something the community wanted to add to the budget

A. Alvich

- Can we move the booth forward?

J. Kaishian

- Now is the time
- We are under budget and re-paving the parking lot

A. Alvich

- How are 5th grade students getting to the Middle School for their trip?

J. Michaelidis

- Taking busses

J. Kaishian

- Huge success moving voting off campus and using mail in ballots
- I'm grateful nothing went wrong
- We will review the protocols for the security booth
- We will inquire about an SRO

A. Alvich

- Parents will understand if they are inconvenienced for safety
 - Example: Not dropping off students in back
- Need more communication to parents

S. Doyle (BOCES)

- Fliers
 - Regional Nursing Committee
 - Frontline – get 5 credits
 - School for Nurses Training Day
 - August 14, 2025
 - Threat Assessment
 - Frontline – free
 - Threat Assessment
 - Academy week – free
- Message from Frank
 - Five-year safety and security audit - maybe a conversation for next year

J. Brucato

- At the last Board of Ed meeting, we showed the Briarcliff Police and State Police our district wide safety plan
- This is not public information

Enjoy summer!