

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District
District Safety Committee
October 8, 2025
2:00 PM at T/E Administrative Offices

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present: Chris Groppe, Susan Audrain, Patrick Barry, Mike Baskin, Mike Beaty, Patrick Boyle, Joe Butler, Mark Cataldi, Leigh Ann Coary, Sarah Domenick, Amy Ferguson, Jana Golboro, Damika Harris, Candi Kulesa, Roy LaRue, Lauren LaSpina, Tami Noel, Misty Pennewill, Jacqui Rothera, Brian Samson, Mike Szymendera, Betsy Toscano, Ellen Turk, Katie Van Thuyne, Eric Wilson

Attendees: None.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Securly – Mike Szymendera

- Dr. Szymendera shared information about a newly implemented technology tool used on all student iPads and Chromebooks. There are three components: Securly Filter, Securly Aware, and Securly Home. Securly Filter enhances existing filters in place for all District devices when online. Securly Aware alerts administration about any concerning activity such as signs of self-harm, depression or gun violence. This occurs 24/7. Securly Home enables families to use an app to monitor their child's internet usage on District devices and set rules for use outside of school such as pausing internet access and blocking of sites.
- Currently over 700 families are using the app.

3. Conestoga bomb threat debrief – Chris Groppe

- Dr. Groppe described the timeline of events during the bomb threat the first week of school and included the context of the wave of swattings and bomb threat hoaxes occurring at the time. Chief Beaty shared information from the 911 call and the police response including the use of drones by Tredyffrin Township Police and K-9 units from neighboring municipalities. It was noted that while the overwhelming majority of bomb threats are false it is important to treat them seriously each time.
- Strengths identified focused on the communication between the School District and first responders, and the amount of communication shared with the community.
- Student representatives appreciated that some teachers discussed the bomb threat with their students and how they would respond if it occurred during the school day. This information will be shared to broaden that as a practice.

4. Reunification exercise Summer 2025 debrief – Chris Groppe

- Dr. Groppe shared information about a safety exercise held over the summer involving all school administrators, TE supervisory staff (transportation, food service, technology, communications), and local first responders. The safety exercise simulated a scenario involving relocating students from New Eagle Elementary school to Valley Forge Middle school to be reunited with their families. Using the Standard Reunification Model, TE staff were familiarized with the model and their role. All gathered at VFMS to simulate the experience and identify areas of need and areas of success.

- The committee discussed some takeaways from the exercise, including updating the common list of Crisis/Go Bags in each school, the need for school nurses to know student medical needs, the use of the reunification card. There was also discussion of taking the exercises to the next level through more dynamic scenarios.

5. ARCH Information – Jacqui Rothera

- Dr. Rothera shared information about the upcoming ARCH events:
 - Middle School transition for parents of 5th graders, Thursday October 9 at VFMS
 - Monthly Parent to Parent Support meeting, October 24, 12 noon at Easttown Library
 - Next ARCH meeting date is November 13, 10 am, at TE Administrative Offices
 - [ARCH's website](#)
- PA Youth Survey administration will occur this year. Conducted every other year in Grades 6, 8, 10 and 12, TE will administer this fall. Results are used to develop both District and ARCH programming. Families in Grades 6 can opt in for participation; students in grades 8, 10 and 12 participate unless their families opt-out. PAYS is offering an optional 4th grade version this year. After discussion with elementary principals and others, the District determined we will not participate in the 4th grade PAYS.

6. Committee members' items

- Chief Beaty recommended the use of the [Ready Chesco notification](#) system for alerts about emergency and non-emergency events.

7. Public Comment

None.

District Safety Committee Meetings are held at 2:00 PM at the T/E Administrative Offices.
The remaining 2025-26 meeting dates for the District Safety Committee are 12/10/25, 3/11/26, and 5/20/26.