

Tredyffrin/Easttown School District
District Safety Committee
December 10, 2025
2:00 PM at T/E Administrative Offices

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present: Chris Groppe, Pat Barry, Mike Baskin, Mike Beaty, Joe Butler, Sarah Domenick, Amy Ferguson, Damika Harris, Karen Kilby, Candi Kulesa, Jess Langlois, Roy LaRue, Lauren LaSpina, Amanda Martinez, Dr. Julie K. Mesaros, Robyn Michael, Tami Noel, Pat Boyle, Misty Pennewill, Judith Root, Jacqui Rothera, Brian Samson, Carolyn Swetkowski, Betsy Toscano, Katie Van Thyune, Eric Wilson

Attendees: None.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Protective factors at the elementary schools – Elementary School Staff

Elementary staff shared initiatives they implement to promote connectedness to school, which is an important part of school safety. All five schools have programs that promote connection, prosocial behaviors, service, and kindness. School counselors push into classrooms for developmental guidance lessons and run small groups for students. To promote student connectedness, all schools use Buddy Benches, Mix it Up Day or similar activities so that all students feel included. Mindfulness Mondays teach positive strategies to respond to challenging situations. School mascots are used to help these endeavors. Each school has multiple opportunities for students to engage in service projects, extending that connectedness to the community.

3. School safety updates from Pennsylvania legislature – Chris Groppe

The most recent school code update included several items related to school safety. Effective January 6, 2026, all schools are required to notify families of weapons incidents on school premises. The District is reviewing this requirement and how we will communicate with families and staff if this need arises. Disposition timelines for Safe 2 Say Something were updated – school administrators are now required to submit a disposition within 48 hours for Life Safety tips, 30 days for all other tips. Cybersecurity is emphasized more and is now eligible for monetary support through grants.

4. Information from recent school safety conferences – Chris Groppe

Dr. Groppe and other school staff attended three school safety conferences this autumn. Speakers included Michele Gay, co-founder of the Safe & Sound Schools organization and parent of a victim of the Sandy Hook school shooting, Dr. Dewey Cornell of University of Virginia and creator of the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guideline tool that is used as the basis for TE's threat assessment model, and Dr. Peter Langman, clinical psychologist who examines the psychological profiles of mass shooters. Relevant handouts were shared with committee members. Building Safety representatives were given the task to review current Emergency "Go-Kits" in their building against the criteria published by the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) center. These inventories will be discussed at the March 2026 meeting.

5. Committee members' items

None

6. 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 3/11/26 and 5/20/26.