



Forward in Excellence

Meeting Highlights – Somers CSD Safety Task Force

Date: July 19, 2018
Time: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. – Meeting began promptly at 8 am and ended at 9:48 a.m.
Location: Somers Middle School Library

Attendance –

Parent Members: V. Antonecchia, N. Ciavardini, R. Gallino, T. Garrity, K. Harding, E. Humbert, C. Lieberman, M. Norton, R. Ondrovic, A. Puerto, I. Sheridan, G. Talleur, J. Whalen

Student Members: Katie Taylor, Kyle Chouinard, Remi Saad

District faculty/staff: C. Achenbach, K. Jacobellis, K. Gronert, J. Schettino, A. Hayden, D. Kessler, M. McEwan, T. Cominsky, M. Castro

Administrators: Dr. R. Blanch, K. Winter, M. Benedetto, L. Belger, J. Getman, C. Comerford, J. Bernardi, J. Gherardi, A. Maggio, K. Guidotti

Law Enforcement: Chief M. Driscoll, Sgt. A. Bernhardt

Altaris Security Firm: J. LaPlaca, B. Shanahan

Agenda items

<p>Introductions - Review agenda and related procedural information</p>	<p>Dr. Blanch thanked everyone for volunteering their time. Sgt Bernhardt announced the four SROs would each have a vehicle on school grounds. Dr. Blanch reviewed order of agenda items, dates of additional meetings and topics, plus date of community info night. Full safety audit report will not be shared in its entirety for safety/security reasons. Parts of the audit will be shared/discussed with committee. Groups broken into 4 for each building. One person in each group will be note taker. Question arose re budget, may need to go out for a bond if items come up that are not handled by budget.</p>
<p>Altaris - Review of safety and security assessment process</p>	<p>John LaPlaca and Brian Shanahan introduced themselves and their firm – work only with schools. Talked how to create layers of security to lessen tragic events. Recently mandated in NYS lock down drills. Statistically schools safest places to work. Our district has a robust emergency preparedness program. Vestibules already in progress. NYSED must give approval prior to schools making any types of changes. Objective of these mtgs to make real progress and prevent something from</p>

	<p>happening, or knowing how to manage effectively if something does happen. Went over the assessment process-looked at emergency plans, facilities and community. Generated improvement opportunities report, did a review of district team, etc.</p>
<p>Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review best practice areas in small groups by school (strike teams) • Develop list of questions related to the six areas • Share “takeaways” with larger group 	<p>Individual group work – looked at 6 key areas: district-wide, equipment, exterior, interior, technology, after-school.</p>
<p>Initial Opportunity Areas Identified – Altaris</p>	<p>All bldg. comments/concerns are encompassed in the assessment report. Discussed six areas and opportunities to improve on.</p>