

October 4, 2018 Safety Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Mary Blackburn, Police Chief Bukunt, Julie Burns, Stephen Centerrino, Kristin Cole, Matt Doucette, Superintendent Godino, Marci Kovick, Jenn Mayo, Karen McCarthy, Kathleen McDonald, Karen Romans, Fire Chief Spurr, Dawn Stockwell, Kathleen Waldron, Officer Theil, Officer Donovan

- Safe and Secure Schools is a strategic objective of the schools District Improvement Plan
 - Capital Improvement Plan Initiative
 - Currently researching door entry systems for each school building
 - Fire and police departments also looking at entry systems and it may make sense to use the same system
 - Currently looking into the cost of a new PA system for Butler
 - Safety buckets were discussed at the School District Safety Night
 - Superintendent Godino has reached out to Home Depot in an effort to get them to donate these items
 - The Avon volunteer firefighters have offered to donate toward the contents of the buckets
 - Review, Revise, and Communicate Crisis Plans and Procedures
 - A few staff members at each building along with Officer Donovan participated in the ALICE program to become trainers for staff and students in the event of an active shooter crisis
 - Staff training included participation in online training modules, presentations, and active shooter drills
 - Substitute teachers review the safety manuals and most have completed the ALICE modules at each building, administrators will continue to follow up with this
 - A district-wide safety night was held for parents and guardians that included an overview of the ALICE program and a Q/A with the trainers (Teachers Kerriann Whitworth & Leane Barbosa, Principal Shaw, Officer Donovan), Principal Stockwell, Fire Chief Spurr, Police Chief Bukunt, and Superintendent Godino
 - Superintendent Godino, Chief Spurr, and Officer Donovan attended a school Active Shooter Symposium

- Butler Elementary students participated in an active shooter drill on October 3, 2018
 - Chief Spurr and Chief Bukunt reported that the students were orderly and attentive to direction
 - A parent requested that principal Shaw communicate with families about how the drill went with students
- AMHS students participated in an active shooter drill on October 4, 2018
 - Students watched a video on ALICE, barricaded doors, and debriefed after
 - Principal Stockwell, Chief Spurr, and Chief Bukunt reported that the drill went smoothly
 - Students will debrief again during their advisory class on October 5, 2018
- Principal Stockwell will be attending a School Bombing Threat Awareness Training on October 22, 2018
- Social Emotional Supports
 - A focus group of staff from both schools, parents, and high school students has been determined
 - The focus of this group will be an assessment of the social emotional supports for each school building
 - What do we currently use, what is working, what is needed
 - Butler Elementary has initiated a new tier I support plan called Butler Cares
 - Each week data is collected, reviewed, and shared with staff each month
 - Implementation to be completed by June of 2021
- Questions
 - 2-way radios
 - Currently looking into purchasing them for Butler
 - What is the status of the classroom safety manuals
 - They have been updated to contain ALICE procedures
 - Butler is updating their rally points
 - What is the status of the parking lot project
 - Plans are drawn up and ready to go
 - Superintendent Godino is in ongoing communication with town about the cost

➤ Next Steps

- Participants of the Social Emotional focus group will report on their work
- Superintendent Godino and school Kathleen McDonald, Coordinator of School Business, will meet with school committee members in regards to the capital improvement plan
- Principal Shaw and Principal Stockwell will report out to parents/guardians on the active shooter drills conducted with students (i.e. connect ed, class dojo)
- Each fall the school district will hold a safety meeting for parents/guardians
 - Parents would like continuous information on staff are trainings
- Discussed having another social media/bullying night for parents in the spring
 - ACES could also report out on their data
- Parents are concerned about student safety during drop off and pick up. They would like a reminder to go out about proper procedures
- Kathleen McDonald, Coordinator of School Business is working on fixing the sign at AMHS
- Superintendent Godino will look into the possibility of providing a late bus for AMHS so students can attend after school events/clubs

➤ Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

- Agenda to include a focus on social emotional supports