

City School District of New Rochelle

Strategic Roadmap



Embracing Diversity: Driving Success

District-Wide Health and Safety Committee

Committee Members

Bill Coleman	Plant Manager, IEYMS & FUSE Vice President, Committee Co-Chairperson
Mary Breslin	FUSE President, ALMS Teacher
Joe Creanza	District Health and Safety Chairperson/FUSE Member Plant Manager, ALMS
Mary Monzon	Parent and Community Member, CSD of New Rochelle
Dierda Clark	PTAC Member
Margaret Bavosa	BOE Vice President
Steve Newman	NRHS Teacher/FUSE Member
Tom Mc Tighe	Trinity Teacher/FUSE Member
Melissa A. Passarelli	Webster Principal and A&S President
Michael Galland	Columbus Principal and A&S Member
Paul Vacca	Commissioner of Buildings, Committee Co-Chairperson

Agenda for October 26, 2022

- I. Call to Order
- II. Relax Robert's Rules of Order
- III. Approve Minutes from September 21, 2022
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Bond Celebration
 - B. Master Library Report
 - C. Website Update
 - D. Door Stoppers
 - E. PA System(Ward)
- V. New Business
- VI. Public Comment (Three Minutes Per Speaker)
- VII. Adjournment

DISTRICT WIDE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes from September 21, 2022 Meeting

Members Present: Bill Coleman, Steve Newman, Melissa A. Passarelli, Mary Breslin, Mary Monzon, Michael Galland, Joe Creanza, Tom McTigue, Paul Vacca, Diedre Clark and Margaret Bavosa.

Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order

Bill Coleman called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM, seconded by Mary Breslin.

II. Relax Robert's Rules of Order

On the motion of Bill Coleman, seconded by Mary Breslin, the committee unanimously agreed to relax Robert's Rules of Order to facilitate ease of discussion for the committee.

III. Approve Minutes from Meetings–May 25, 2022

Motion to approve minutes made by Mary Monzon and seconded by Melissa Passarelli .

IV. Introductions of Committee Members

Introductions were done for the 2022-2023 Committee Members.

This district wide committee is making sure all buildings, teachers, staff workers and the pupils are safe.

V. Old Business

A. 2022 BCS Report

All buildings in the district were unsatisfactory before the \$106 Million Bond was granted. Now all the buildings in the district are in satisfactory condition.

Discussion on how to show the community all of the work which has been done through the BOND. We want the community to have a positive attitude about upgrading projects in the district. We hope by showing the community the progress we made in this last BOND will encourage the community to cooperate in voting for the new upcoming BOND to be proposed in May of 2023

The community needs to be informed of the past issues and how the BOND upgraded the buildings. It is necessary to consistently upgrade our buildings. We never want an issue like the 2015 (Webster roof collapse) to ever happen again.

Planning for the new Bond to be voted on this Spring is now in progress.

The community must be kept informed and the H&S Committee must maintain transparency to the community.

The district posts all H&S meetings on the website so community members are aware of the meetings and they may join the meetings if they would like to.

Community members can just read the website for informative information.

Discussion on how community members who do not have children in school are kept informed about the community. This is an issue for the BOE to decide.

B. Master Library Report

The committee reviewed a report generated by the ML Work Order System.

The ML site was created so the community has an opportunity to report any problems they see in the community.

Also any reports regarding district issues are put on the site so the community can view these reports (ie) Water testing.

C. Meeting Dates

Discussion/approval of meeting dates for the 2022-2023 school year. The November 23rd date was moved to November 30th as November 23rd is a half day.

D. Summer Work

IEYMS- Storm and Sanitary Project

NRHS - Stairwell near gym (Clove Rd.) was worked on

NRHS - Library roof project, pitched roof /flooding

Webster-Roof drain pipe lining project to get rid of flooding

VI. New Business

A Meeting topics

Discussion on what future meeting topics should be discussed. There should be specific monthly topics. We do not want to get sidetracked again on one topic for too long a period of time as we did with the Lincoln District which lasted about one year. (there should be a specific schedule for discussions, then the committee needs to move on to other topics).

Mary Breslin asked what was the final outcome of the resolution for door stops. The information was passed on to the Superintendent, Bill Coleman will inquire with the Superintendent as to the outcome and report at the next H&S Meeting.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment On the motion of Bill Coleman, seconded by Margaret Bavosa, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.

District-Wide Health and Safety Committee (RESCUE) Meetings 2022-2023

In Person Meetings at Carew Room in City Hall

~~September 21, 2022 2 pm~~

October 26, 2022 2 pm–Bond Celebration

November 30, 2022 2 pm–Asbestos

January 11, 2023 2 pm–Fire Inspection

February 15, 2023 2 pm–Green Cleaning/Green Chemicals

March 22, 2023 2 pm–Mold and Indoor Air Quality

April 26, 2023 2 pm–TBA

May 31, 2023 2 pm–TBA

June 7, 2023 2 pm–TBA

ID	Assigned To	Building	Requested By	Request Type	Space	Status	Submitted
4559		District Office	Anne Johnson	Community		Pending	09/09/2022 11:55
4560		District Office	Linda Prunesti	Community		Pending	09/09/2022 11:56
4699		IEYMS	Admin User	Community		Pending	09/20/2022 15:02
4700		ALMS	Admin User	Community		Pending	09/20/2022 15:03



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Reply to Hauppauge Office

June 27, 2022

Jonathan P. Raymond
Superintendent of Schools
New Rochelle Public Schools
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Re: Use of Doorstops

Dear Mr. Raymond:

You recently asked for a legal opinion on whether doorstops are permitted to be used to prop open classroom doors.

Pursuant to State law, the New York State Education Department is responsible for ensuring that all school buildings are compliant with the fire and building code. Relevant provisions of the fire code and building code state that, "Modifications shall not be made to listed panic hardware, fire door hardware or door closers." 2020 Fire Code of New York State §1031.2.2.2; 2020 Building Code of New York State §1010.1.4.4. The purpose of a door closer is to automatically close a door in the event of a fire. While use of a doorstop may not modify the door closer itself, it would serve to frustrate its purpose of automatically closing the door if a fire occurs. Therefore, to the extent that any of the doors in question are equipped with door closers, the use of a doorstop is, in essence, a modification of the door closer and is a violation of the codes.

Moreover, the property maintenance code states, "Hold-open devices and automatic door closers shall be maintained. During the period that such a device is out of service for repairs, the door it operates shall remain in the closed position." Property Maintenance Code of New York State §703.4.2. Pursuant to this code provision, doors should not be kept in an open position during periods where the door closer is not functioning. As stated above, the purpose of the door closer is to automatically close the door in the event of fire. From a fire safety perspective and based on this provision of the code, doors should only remain open when they can be automatically closed in the event of fire.

It is important to note, as stated above, that the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") is responsible for ensuring compliance. NYSED issued memoranda in 2003 and in 2014 which specifically state that door chocks and any other method for holding open doors are illegal. https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/Newsletter/Newsletter_37.html
https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/documents/117_Nov2014.pdf

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Further, in its February 2022 memorandum regarding school security, NYSED still sees the need to balance the needs for increased security against a building's fire safety needs. (https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/documents/SchoolSecurityandDoorHardeningMemo_2022_001.pdf).

In that memorandum, NYSED notes that certain aftermarket security devices are not permitted in classroom settings because they "create unacceptable risks in the event of fire." NYSED specifically cites the above-referenced portion of the Fire Code which prohibits modifications to door closers even where the intent is to provide a classroom with a locking arrangement designed to keep intruders from entering. In addition to the above documents, NYSED's Manual of Planning Standards includes the following relevant provisions:

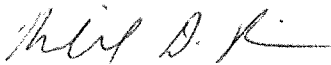
S105-1 Door Hardware for Classrooms and Other Spaces of Pupil Occupancy

- b. Door closers are required on all doors, including classroom doors, opening onto a corridor.*
- c. Hold open devices if provided must be automatic per Code.*

<https://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/documents/mps1998.pdf>

In conclusion, the Fire, Building and Property Maintenance Codes of New York State prohibit the use of doorstops on classroom doors. Further, NYSED, as the authority having jurisdiction over the enforcement of these codes in school buildings, has specifically stated that use of doorstops is prohibited.

Very truly yours,



MICHAEL D. RANIERE