

## DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY TEAM COMMITTEE

### Minutes from April 13, 2023

**Members Present:** Lisa Marie Newkirk, Carlos Leal, Steve Newman, Tracy Hill, Robert Bynum, Anthony Bambrola, Keith Watkins, Nate Adams, William Ianuzzi, Mike Farina, Lt. Kevin Perri NRPD, and Paul Vacca..

**Members Absent:** Gail Joyner, Millicent Lee, Camille Edwards-Thomas, Anastasia Tzortzatos, Francesca Windley, Dante Santora, Shelli Owens, Paul Schemmer, and Captain Cruciata, NRPD.

#### 1. **Call to Order**

Lisa Marie Newkirk called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM, seconded by Steve Newman.

#### 2. **Relax Robert's Rules of Order**

On the motion of Steve Newman, seconded by William Ianuzzi, the committee unanimously agreed to relax Robert's Rules of Order to facilitate ease of discussion for the committee.

#### 3. **Review and Approve Minutes:**

Minutes for the March 2, 2023 meeting were approved.

#### 4. **Security Planning Updates and Upgrades:**

Reported by Keith Watkins—updates:

- Lockdown button implementation, completion date estimated to be early June.
- For the May 16th Budget Vote we will be proposing the \$29 million dollar bond project.
- Secure vestibules at all locations, visitors will not have access to enter schools without first being screened by the main office.
- Glazing and film coating on windows, to lessen severity of bullets shot, (nothing is completely bullet proof). Armored One Company is coming to give the windows a rating on the effectiveness of the glazing and protective coating on our windows in the schools, next week.

- Looking to add knock boxes with a master key in it for all schools, this will help any first responders have access to the building.
- Loading dock at NRHS now locked, signs with directions to delivery drivers to call the number on the sign and help with delivery will arrive shortly.

Reported by Mike Farina of Altaris–updates:

- Exterior window numbers placed facing outside to easily identify rooms have been completed at ALMS.
- They are currently working on this same process of window numbering at Trinity.
- Do not leave doors propped open this is a safety issue.
- Working on fire routes in all the buildings.

Reported by Lt. Perri, NRPD–updates:

- Working on how to get students safely from one location to another after an incident.
- Working on a controlled parent reunification process.
- High School will be the central location for reunification.
- Working on bus routes, and where parents can park to pick up their kids at the high school, Iona University is one option we are working on.
- There is also an option to park at Glen Island for a parent reunification at schools near that location.
- All these plans on parent reunification are still being worked on.
- Random drop in by police in the schools is now in place. We do not want the perception of police to be that they only show at a school if something is wrong. We are trying to build police/community relationships.

Reported by Nate Adams—updates:

- Nate works on the emotional safety of students, speaks with students and works with security regarding students.
- He has a valued community relationship with students, his drive is focus on and supporting of students, to keep students in a place of trusting him and informing him of what is going on in the school.
- Nate works with security on student meditations to help students work out any problems they may have with one another.
- ALMS phone issues must be addressed.

Open discussion:

Traci Hill-as a parent commented that she likes that there is a police presence in the schools and this is good for the children to see.

Rob Bynum-states the children at the high school are taking safety and security more seriously now than ever before.

Mike Farina-Coming up, planning on doing threat assessment training.

New Hires: the elementary schools have three (3) security guards in each school. Still working on the number of guards that should be placed at the middle schools and the high school.

All staff should be wearing Identification Badges while on the school premises.

School Principals should revisit scheduled appointments with parents or others, not just have walk-in appointments, this contributes to a safer school environment.

5. Sub-Committee Updates: The section of the website which questions whether or not a 911 call is needed is under discussion by the sub-committee. The link has been disconnected until further discussion and a resolution is found.
6. Adjournment: On the motion of Lisa Marie Newkirk, seconded by Steve Newman. The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.