

MINUTES

School Safety and Security Committee
Monday, January 25, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Patricia Del Monaco, First Selectman
Samantha Mannion, BOE Member
Anthony Yorio, BOF Member
Dr. Richard Sanzo, Director of Business Operations

Absent:

Maria Evans, OEM Director
Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds
Dr. Patricia Cosentino, Superintendent

Call to Order First Selectman, Pat Del Monaco was unable to connect at first. Anthony Yorio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Led by Anthony Yorio

Public Comment Selectman Del Monaco was able to connect at 7:04p.m. No public comment.

Meeting Dates 2/16 at 7:30. Selectman Del Monaco asked if people would prefer a 7:00 start time in the future and Richard Sanzo and Samantha Mannion said that time would be preferred. Selectman Del Monaco suggested to wait until the February meeting to set the date for the March meeting.

Speak Up Update Rich Sanzo said that Karen Fildes was unable to attend the meeting with the change of schedule and asked him to give a brief update. She will be at the February meeting to give more information. Gaggle Speak Up, part of the Gaggle Suite, will launch later in the month and was delayed in part due to the pandemic. It is fully configured and Karen has met with the Middle School and High School administration to start on a plan on how to roll it out to students and are training students how to make reports in an anonymous way. She will share more specifics about this next month.

Also, over winter break they launched a tool with Speak Up called “Gaggle Safety Management” which replaced “Securely” which monitors internet searches, Google drive and email chat on school district devices and has already helped to be aware of situations to be able to intervene and help students. The notifications also go to a human safety team, not just artificial and there are less false positives with humans looking at it. There will be more to share next month in detail when Karen is there. They hope this will be rolled out or close to being rolled out to students by then.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to enter executive session at 7:08 pm.to discuss School Safety Design and invited Christine O’Hare, Jeff Elliot from JCJ and Rick McCracken from CES. The motion was seconded.

School Safety Design Committee for School Building Project Executive Session

Adjournment Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion was seconded.

Christine O’Hare asked if it was too late to ask a question. Selectman Del Monaco said no. Christine asked who to send the security technology drives to. Rich Sanzo said she could send them to him and he would forward them to who needed to get them.

Pat Del Monaco adjourned the meeting at 8:01p.m.

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