

West Islip Public Schools

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2017

8:30 A.M.

PAUL J. BELLEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Members present: Scott Brady, Michael Zotto, Bernadette Burns, Anne Rullan, Anthony Bridgeman, Tim Horan, Dan Marquardt, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Andrew O'Farrell, Rhonda Pratt, James Bosse, Joe Nicolosi
Members absent: Jack Maniscalco
Others present: Steve Gellar

I. Buildings & Grounds

A. Security cameras

- a. Concerns about the clarity of the security cameras were discussed, which can be compromised at times.
- b. The committee discussed the need to relocate and add interior and exterior cameras in specific locations.
- c. Regulations must be developed that address a chain of command relative to camera access. Middle and high school assistant principals will be provided with access.

B. Access to district facilities

- a. The Board has toured the elementary schools with the architect and contractor to discuss the installation of security vestibules. Pending approval of architectural plans, construction will take place in Summer 2018.
- b. Access to district grounds is problematic, as visitors are co-mingling with students during the school day. Community members regularly use school grounds to walk their dogs, contrary to district policy. Gate access will be reviewed, as will the need for additional badge readers. Additional security will be assigned to polling places on relevant days when students are in session.

C. Signage

- a. Signage throughout the district will be reviewed for language and consistency of message.

II. Safety Communications

- A. Despite the purchase of additional radios, communication during an emergency continues to be of concern. Various options, including a phone app and additional radios, were discussed.

III. Security staffing

- A. The addition of security staffing has proven to be effective and productive. The need for additional coverage during elections was discussed.

IV. Emergency Response Plans

- A. Plans are in the process of completion and will be submitted to the state shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.