

West Islip Public Schools
SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 16, 2018

8:30 A.M.

Paul J. Bellew Elementary School

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

Others present: Steve Gellar

Members absent: Michael Zotto

I. Security

A representative from the Suffolk County Police Department will meet with the administrative team on June 26 to discuss Emergency Response Plans and to plan for building security audits. The committee discussed the benefit of having an outside audit completed as well, and decided to engage the services of A+ Technologies, which uses Lt. Joseph Pangaro for this purpose.

Additional cameras will be added to areas of concern throughout the district. A mechanism for noting camera issues has been put in place so problems can be addressed on a timely basis.

The committee discussed the viability of employing armed guards and/or metal detectors. Further study is required.

A lead guard has been hired for the high school

II. Professional Development

Staff will engage in professional development in June and August to address topics such as active shooter, *Stop the Bleed*, and DASA/LGBTQ training.

III. Policy/Practice Review

The committee recommends that the district go to a closed campus model, and work to minimize student drop-offs, which is of particular concern at the high school. Hours for security paraprofessionals will be adjusted to ensure coverage during early morning or afternoon extra help sessions.

IV. Miscellaneous

Suggestions were made to consider the following:

- sensors on building roofs to discourage “visitors”
- students to wear visible badges during the school day
- phones with outside connections near AEDs (approved)
- the purchase of new security vehicles (approved – one per year)

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.