

Brookfield Public Schools

Security Task Force Meeting MINUTES

Friday, November 15, 2019

9:30 AM

Superintendent's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am

Present: Dr. John Barile, Jay Purcell, Colette Sturm, Rosa Fernandes, Bob Belden, Kevin Durkin, Bryan Chnowski, Jules Scheithe and Steve Baldwin

New Business

The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2019 meeting.

The task force unanimously agreed that although Mrs. Sturm will no longer be on the Board of Education, that she continue to serve as a community member of the task force.

Security Task Force- Discussion- BHS after school security-

Mrs. Scheithe, Assistant Principal BHS provided information regarding the vulnerability of the high school facility after school hours. After discussion the task force agreed that the Superintendent should propose a security presence from 2-10pm 5 days per week, whether that be an employee or security service provider. Additionally, the task force agreed that a security station equipped with the appropriate technology be considered for installation in the auditorium/gym lobby entrance area.

Safe School Zone- fields report review- Steve Baldwin- BHS Athletic Director & PE Health Coordinator

Mr. Baldwin facilitated a review of the report with the task force. Many of the recommendations from report are procedural or for maintenance. Mr. Baldwin is already implementing the recommendations for signage around the facilities.

Old Business

Continuation of threat assessment discussion- Update on discussion with Dr. Bernstein from Dr. Barile

Dr. Barile provided an overview of the threat assessment training service that Dr. Bernstein offers. Dr. Barile will look into grant opportunities to support implementation of such training and also contact other districts who may have used Dr. Bernstein's services.

Homeland Security Report- Dr. Barile updated the task force on his communication to First Selectman & Park and Rec to ensure that the recommendation to significantly limit public access to the BHS outdoor facilities is implemented for January 1, 2020. Dr. Barile shared a progress report from his meeting with Mary Knox from Park & Rec regarding the consideration to allow formal and scheduled tennis lessons to take place during the day at the BHS tennis courts so long as it does not interfere with the PE/Athletic program.

Develop next meeting agenda/ schedule dates- The task force will meet again at 9:30 am on January 17, 2020.

Adjournment was at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Gramling, Board Clerk