



Community School Safety Committee

MINUTES

Date: Thursday, October 4, 2018 (6:30-8:30 PM)

Committee members who are attending their first meeting, please plan to arrive at 6:15 p.m. for a brief orientation prior to the meeting.

Location: District Services Center, Community Room

Committee Members Attending: Leo Bernabei, Cathy Bianco, Bernadine Buccafuri, Kara Diliberto, Nicole Hallowell, Trish James, Beth Kovacs, Shelby Miller, Kelly Moseng, Dawn Mott, Becky Smith, Stephanie Zajkowski

District Staff in Support: Nancianne Edwards, Janet Pelone

Unable to Attend: Dawn Kline, Diane Richino (Chairperson), Amelia Effrig, Amy Harwick, Patty Marino, Valerie Qualteria, Andrew Valleley

Committee Purpose (Revised):

Our purpose is to improve school safety and to increase student, staff, and parent confidence in the safety of our schools by examining best practices in school safety, reviewing current practices in QCSD, identifying opportunities for improvement, and recommending future actions to the Board of School Directors that will contribute to the prevention of school violence.

Meeting Objectives:

- Develop an overview understanding of current supports for students at QCSD
- Hear a brief update on the status of Act 44 items
- Determine how the committee can hear from students

Schedule [120 mins]

Time	Mins.	Activity
6:30 to- 6:40 pm	10	Welcome and Introductions for members attending their first meeting <i>New members introduced themselves and shared where their child(ren) attend and their reasons for joining the committee. One member talked about her child's daily concern about her own safety, which echoed what students from our high school talked about when part of the roundtable hosted by the Senate Majority Leader.</i>
6:40 to 6:45 pm	5	Final Check on Committee Purpose, Framework, and Norms <i>"Final" draft purpose is listed above on the agenda and in the Committee Purpose and Norms document at the link.</i>

6:45 to 7:45 pm	60	Overview of Current QCSD Supports for Students - Janet Pelone, Director of Pupil Services <i>Mrs. Pelone provided a presentation providing an overview of student supports and services. The presentation is posted in the Team Drive in the 10/4/18 Meeting folder. Committee members had questions about school counselor ratios, and why the county has denied our application for an additional school based counselor funded by Bucks County Family Services for Richland Elementary. Other questions were about how we can spread the word and “market” that SAP and similar services are available other than the website and handbooks? This might be an area we could work on. Members also had questions about our PBIS programs, especially as implemented at the middle and high school levels. Member questions that emerged from the discussion have been added to the CSC Topics and Questions document in the Team Drive.</i>
7:45 to 8:00 pm	15	Act 44 Update - Nancianne Edwards <i>Please see the new document in the Act 44 section of the Team Drive - Safety and Security Assessment Criteria by the PCCD School Safety and Security Committee authorized under Act 44. QCSD has completed all requirements of Act 44 that are required so far. Upcoming deadlines are submission of the grant application for Act 44 funds, completion of the school security survey (available on 10/31 and due by 11/30/18) and implementation of the Safe2Say tip line program in January 2019. Nancianne explained the grant application process and how the survey report will affect adjustments to the grant.</i>
8:00 to 8:15 pm	15	Discussion - How Can the Committee Hear From Students? <i>Committee members discussed how to best hear from students. Consensus of the group was that we would invite interested high school students to attend the committee’s November 1 meeting, eat pizza, and share their thoughts and concerns about student safety with the committee. At the middle level, we will ask if groups of middle school students could be invited to have lunch with a guidance counselor to share their thoughts and concerns. Update: Nancianne will reach out to Dr. Finnerty, Dr. Bubser, and Mr. Thompson to arrange the above.</i>
8:15 to 8:20 pm	5	Next Meeting Priority Topics <i>The two topics for the next meeting on October 18th are (1) our SRO Program and (2) our discipline code and how it is implemented in practice, with particular attention to discipline issues that impact school and student safety. Update: SRO Lee, Dr. Finnerty, and Dr. Bubser are available to present to the committee on October 18th. We will schedule SRO Hendrzak for a future meeting (tentatively November 15th) to discuss the SRO program from a middle school perspective, and to talk about the role of the Youth Aid Panel, of which he was previously a member.</i>
8:20 to 8:30 pm	15	Public Comment <i>No members of the public were present.</i>
		Future Meeting Dates Thursday, October 18, 2018 - SRO Program (HS) and Discipline Code Thursday, November 1, 2018 - High School Student input and TBD Thursday, November 15, 2018 - SRO Program (MS) and TBD Thursday, November 29, 2018 Thursday, December 13, 2018