



Board of Education Facilities Safety Sub-Committee



Board of Education Facility Safety Sub-Committee Members

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- Chris Cook, Head Custodian
- Deputy Brooks, Sheriff's Department
- Cynthia Holmes, BOCES Safety Specialist
- Erica Wardell, HS Art Teacher and Administrative Intern

Mission, Meetings and Topics

Overall Mission and Charge

- Examine practices and areas involving student safety and come up with actionable items to improve student safety.
- In particular, examine what to do after the regular school day ends and on weekends as the facilities are currently open and unsecured
- Meetings: 1/22/18, 2/5/18, 2/12/18, 3/1/18, 3/22/18, 4/16/18, 5/7/18, 6/4/18

What We've Talked About:

- Door Swipe Cards and Rules / Parameters
- Walkers
- Role of Cleaners and Custodians
- Line of Sight improvements at Entrances
- Visitor Management Systems
- Proprietary Safety Improvements (non-public)
- Facilities Use Form Improvements
- See Something, Say Something Hotlines
- Biometric Door Access
- PA Speaker Enhancement and Extensions
- Auditorium Door Security and Repair
- Lockdown Drill Parameters
- School Resource Officers (SROs)
- After School and Weekend Facilities Access

What's Been Accomplished So Far?

- O&M Staff have been trained in event management, user interactions and safety
- New O&M staff are being hired on Sunday to Thursday and Tuesday to Saturday Shifts so staff is present whenever there is building use
- Nylon “tape” barriers have been purchased and are used at events to keep folks in one spot
- Window coverings for entryway glass (selected panels) have been designed and ordered
- See Something, Say Something “Eagle Tip” lines are in place and active at both levels
- Visitor Management System (Scanned licenses and printed badges) will be piloted before year end
- Exterior Doors and rooms have been numbered for security reasons
- Proprietary (non-public) additional measures have been implemented
- Facilities Use Form has been updated to include “Allcall” code and link to the Facilities Use Calendar
- PA Speakers installed in bathrooms for lockdown situations
- Auditorium Lobby Doors reinforced and repaired so they can’t be pulled open
- A variety of meetings with law enforcement regarding SROs has taken place to find out what options exist
- Stakeholder Meetings 5/24 and 6/4 scheduled to provide an overview and to talk about shifts including locking the building after hours and on weekends and to prepare for the capital project