

West Islip Public Schools
SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 23, 2018

6:30 P.M.

District Office

Members present: Paul Michaluk, Kevin O'Connor
Bernadette Burns, Elisa Pellati, Anne Rullan, Anthony Bridgeman, Tim Horan, Jack Maniscalco, Dan Marquardt, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Andrew O'Farrell, Rhonda Pratt, James Bosse, Byron McCray, Joseph Dixon, Shawn Wallace

Members absent: Scott Brady

I. Security

The committee discussed the results of the Threat and Vulnerability Risk Assessment conducted by Lt. Joseph Pangaro (True Security Design). Lt. Pangaro will present a workshop as a part of the Parent Academy series in the near future.

The utilization of armed guards is an area of continued research; feedback from the community indicates it is evenly divided on this topic.

II. Current Initiatives

Additional cameras and access badge readers were added to district facilities over the summer. High school students are required to wear badges during the school day, as are all district employees. Two security vehicles have been purchased to augment the current fleet. A security car has been set up on Lion's Path to ascertain the purpose of each visit before he/she enters the high school.

III. Future Initiatives

Based on recommendations made in the risk assessment, the district is updating protocols and establishing districtwide expectations. Staff development is scheduled in the areas of active shooter and Stop the Bleed training. Upgraded radios and security vests are to be purchased, and costs for safety glazing and visitor management systems are being investigated.

IV. Miscellaneous

A letter to parents indicating that lockdowns will no longer be announced was shared. Some concern was raised as to how the community would respond to this new protocol. Further discussion is warranted.

Meeting dates for the rest of the school year were discussed. Mrs. Burns will finalize and distribute.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.