

South Middleton School District Board of Directors
Safety & Security Committee Meeting Notes
Monday, 10 February 2020 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Jon Still (Chair), with the following committee members present: Jon Still, John Greenbaum, Bill Hartman, Trisha Reed (IFES), Mark Correll (BSHS), Dave Bitner (YBMS), and Dave Boley (Rice), & Zach Gump (Director, Buildings & Grounds). Dr. Matt Strine (Superintendent) and Ms. Kim Spisak (Director, Student Services) also attended.
- **Open Discussion:**
 - Update of 2019-2020 Safety/Security grants status/execution — Zach Gump updated the group on the status of current PDE & PCCD funding grants.
 - A \$25k Meritorious Grant was allocated by PCCD, and is expected for allotment on 26 Feb. This money has been earmarked for an additional repeater for the District-wide direct radio communication system, along with additional hand-held encrypted radios.
 - Status of the \$50k Competitive Grant applied for by SMSD is still outstanding, with no expected date currently provided for notification by PCCD. *If received*, this grant has been earmarked for upgrading the SMSD phone system. However, the administration sees the increased need to purchase such a system regardless of grant award (see below).
 - District-wide centralized phone system. Current phone system is overtasked and under-capable. Expected cost to upgrade the system using modern technology is in the range of \$63k, and is targeted for upgrade/replacement in the March-May '20 timeframe.
 - Review of Safety/Security-related funding requests for 2020-2021 Budget cycle —
 - Upgrades to Rice Elementary building camera system.
 - Licensed social worker(s) to address psychological issues among student population — Schools often are one of the first places where mental health issues are recognized and addressed. School social workers serve as primary mental health providers for students and are often the only counseling professionals available to students and their families to initially identify and provide interventions for those issues.
 - Need for increased security at sporting events, particularly those with rivalry potential.
 - YBMS is next school building expected to be reviewed by the PA State Police's Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Team (RVAT). No date has been set at this time.
 - Review of outstanding discrepancies identified during the building walkthrough conducted in August 2019 by Utica National Insurance Group.
 - Need for review of policies 805 & 805.2
- **Executive Session** — Topic of discussion was the Active Shooter Tabletop Exercise conducted on 17 January by the PA State Police in conjunction with the FEMA South-Central Task Force
- **Next Scheduled Quarterly Committee Meeting*** – Monday, 11 May 2020 @ 6:00 PM

* *Note: Should an interim committee meeting be required to review policy or fiscal actions relating to actions in process, they will be announced at least 5 business days in advance.*

Respectfully Submitted by

Jonathan Still, Committee Chair