

# South Middleton School District

## Safety and Security Committee Minutes 8/22/2022

1. Call to order (6:00pm) and pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call – Brandon Hall, Brad Group, Tony Lucido, Rodney Wagner, Alex Smith, and Ryan Frey

3. Old Business

A. Stadium open for public usage parameters – The group discussed the future of opening the stadium up for public use. Ryan stated there was positive feedback about the field usage. Tony suggested creating a schedule for the next meeting. Rodney suggested opening the turf field for public usage on the weekends. This topic will be placed on the next committee meeting for further discussion.

B. Campus use during springtime...keeping doors closed – Rodney stated he received good positive feedback from teachers about the extra security discussion and efforts by the administration. Ryan stated he still witnesses violations, but things are getting better.

C. Parent pick up concerns – There are a few changes to drop off and pick up times at schools, but all seems normal.

D. Operation Safe Stop and PA State Police – The state police follow buses on their routes and give feedback about safety concerns and provide suggestions to the SMSD administration.

E. Improvements with Navigate – Alex stated procedural updates to be ready for the start of school.

4. New Business

A. Update on Safety and Security procedural development – Assistant to the Superintendent O'Donnell worked on this all summer. It included a safety walk through by the PA Stated Police, EMS and Fire Department. Drills will be conducted. The threat assessment team will continue to meet.

B. Assessing current conditions of exterior features and pursuing grant funding for improvement – Ryan stated they applied for different grants for improvements project, such as new exterior doors, visitor video systems, and re-keying all exterior doors.

C. Health and Safety Plan update – Alex introduced a new SMSD Health and Safety Plan. The group reviewed the plan and discussed it. Tony made a motion to approve the new plan, Brandon second the motion and the motion passed 3-0. The committee will recommend the new plan to the entire School Board at the next meeting.

D. SMSD Resource/ Security Officer discussion – A discussion was held about creating a new position within the district; a Resource/ Security officer. Ryan and Alex confirmed it would be a good fit for the district if the position assisted in a wide range of duties, not just security. The group confirmed that a Resource Officer could be a good fit that could complement other positions in the district. Brad would like to see equal time between all the schools. The group had a short discussion about the options of whether the Resource Officer should be armed. We may have a Resource Officer from another school district attend our next meeting. Rodney contacted Octorara School District Superintendent about their Resource Officer and is waiting for a call back.

5. Adjournment