

LINCOLN-SUDBURY SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
APRIL 11, 2007 7:00 PM  
SUDBURY TOWN HALL

Members Present: Sheila Calkins, Hal Chapel, Mark Collins, Tucker Krone, Eric Harris, Sarah Cannon Holden, Bill Keller, Ron Nix, John Ollquist, Barbara Pedulla, Dennis Picker, Bill Ray, Alexandra Sliwowski, Gary Taylor, Karen Thomsen

Alternates Present: Clair Daly, Tom DeNormandie, Tim Garvin, Bill Ray

Approximately 11 members of the public were also in attendance.

Dennis Picker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. He welcomed the two new student representatives Tucker Krone and Alexandra Sliwowski.

Bill Keller made a brief announcement that the Alenson family contacted him to express their gratitude to the community for the response and condolences expressed by the community. Bill reported that the family will be selling their home and moving out of the town in the near future. Bill stated that he was going to investigate a fund to buy the Alenson home from the family to assist them in their desire to move.

The Chair recognized a member of the audience for public comment relating to a concern about the make up of the committee lacking parents of children receiving special education services.

Dr. Ritchie reported on the steps that have been taken since January 19 relating to safety at the school. Some of the steps mentioned and discussed were:

- police presence both mornings and afternoons
- debriefing with the staff and police and fire
- increased presence of staff in the hallways
- File review relating to students who are presently in collaborative programs
- Enhancing the connector program at the Middle Schools
- Finalizing the Instant Email Blast
- Assemblies to address students feeling comfortable with sharing information with adults
- etc.

Dr. Ritchie presented the results of his investigation into the two incidents involving J.Odgren bringing a knife and a toy gun to school prior to January 19, 2007.

Questions from the committee and public followed the presentation.

Discussion relating to topics to be discussed at the next meeting. Bill Ray volunteered to compile a list of questions to submit to the house masters at LS for the April 18 meeting, relating to current policies and practices around safety at LS. The April 25 meeting will be a Public Forum Session.

Discussion around the cause of school violence, prevention and safety. There was a motion by Dennis Picker, second by Gary Taylor, to form a subcommittee for the purpose of designing a meeting for the full committee to be able to address these issues. Eric Harris, Chair; Barbara Pedulla and Sheila Calkins volunteered to be on the committee, a vote followed and the motion was passed.

Discussion about student and teacher input sessions and what would be the best avenues. Motion by Barbara Pedulla, second by Sarah Cannon Holden, to form a subcommittee to develop a proposal on how to gather information relating to safety from students and faculty within the next two weeks. Karen Thomsen, Tucker Krone, Alexandra Sliwowski, John Ollquist, Bill Ray volunteered to serve on the committee, a vote followed and the motion passed.

Discussion relating to goals of the committee. A statement of the goals was developed and a motion to accept the statement was made by Eric Harris, second by Barbara Pedulla a vote followed and was passed.

Discussion relating to a name for the subcommittee. Motion by Ron Nix, second by Hal Chapel to adopt the name "Lincoln Sudbury Safety Review Committee". Vote followed and passed.

Discussion relating to Vice Chair. Ron Nix indicated he would be willing to serve, Eric Harris nominated Ron, there was a second, a vote followed and Ron was voted in as Vice Chair.

Discussion relating to a secretary, Gary and Bill will investigate funding from towns and foundations. Bill will attempt to find a secretary for next week's meeting.

The draft press release was discussed, reviewed. Eric moved with a second from Sarah to adopt the press release, motion passed.

Discussion and agreement to post meeting minutes on the Website.

Discussion on how documents are being retained. Dennis indicated he is keeping all the documents by meeting date.

Location of April 18, 2007, meeting – Town Hall at 7:15 pm

The following meetings will be at LS in one of the conference rooms or at the Town Hall. Discussion relating to cable tv coverage, Dennis will keep the committee informed.

Minutes relating to March 21 and 28 were adopted by vote. Sheila Calkins abstained from the March 21 meeting.

New Business was discussed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 pm.