

### **HSF meeting April 3**

Call to order 1235

attendance

Susan Eckstrom

Katie Caron

Cameron Ward

Adrienne Nunez

Phone in Susan Hollins

Principal Jake Toomey

### Public Comment

Sally Ahearn 26 Ferrante

concerned about parking, safety and emergency vehicles. suggest no parking west side, bring back passes

Wendy Burges 12 Ferrante

Same concerns. Suggest using Cherry street, bringing back passes , shifted release need to keep traffic moving

Karen Clough 22 Ferrante

same concerns here to lend support and hear ideas

Gerry Case 29 Rangely

Here to hear about the SRO proposal, is unclear of how it will be funded and why do we need it

Jody Clough 11 Ferrante

same concerns, people parking in the tree belt unable to get out of her driveway suggests end of school driveway be right turn only, delayed pick up time

Maureen Casey 22 Ferrante

This meeting is long over due, same concerns 2:15 to 2:45 annoying 2:45 to 3 dangerous kids crossing between cars, she can't leave or come home from 2:30 to 3 cars are idling the whole time emergency vehicles can't fit suggests right turn only, the space between her driveway and the school needs to be no parking-used to be, delayed pick up, ask for parent volunteers

Pete Brown

Here about SRO, what problem are we solving, huge schools budget cuts but this money seems to have been found. not aware of any issue that would make this necessary

agenda items

KC- update Spoke to Chief, came up with possible solutions including right turn only out of the school, and making the odd side of the road before the school all no parking so traffic waiting to pull in can line up along the tree belt instead of two lines of traffic. spoke about cherry street possibility, Chief was concerned about traffic backing up into or pulling out on Bernardston Rd and backing up around the corner on cherry st, very narrow there already. Would need walking path and structure for weather

JT- walkers are dismissed to cherry st, there are no parking signs on cherry st but they are ignored. if we went this route it needs to be worst weather situation ready. focus on educating people on the neighbors perspective. work on initiatives for walking to school, find out how to get kids on bus

KC-idling for more then 5 minutes is against the law. enforcement needed

SE- how many should be on the bus? how many should be walking?

JT- developmental appropriates a big factor.

KC- parents make these choices for their own children

SH- we could use cherry st. wet lands protection just means we have to use non impervious surfaces for walkway. close cherry st opening have a walk way out to the apple trees line forms there. is it possible to shuttle children to a centralized location for pick up eliminating the line? what is out at a look at options. signage for street seems reasonable, we can post but we need help enforcing

KC- concern about safety of children being shuttled out for pick up. what if parents don't show? no supervision? do busses wait? do we have monitors?

SH- delayed pick up?

JT- staffing issue

CW- stagger dismissal

JT-extending shift times, contracts require only certain number of hours but he needs all staff right at the beginning so he can't stagger to have later staff, can't use after school because they have staff for the specific number of children they have and not a school run program

SH-topic to study, flexibility will go a long way, how will this affect budget

Pete Brown- morning is parents choice of drop off dismissal is district choice

JT- dismissal always challenging, every day is different notes come in, last minute calls, not impossible but stagger increases logistical work substantially

SRO Proposal

SH- In our current agreement 32 responsibilities, need review how often do we need one and don't have one?

SE- concern of SRO taking control of discipline not assisting, escalation of situations. current MOU only says high school. need to update to include district, possible to include social jobs

SH- what is the record of his time. we are lucky to have such proximity to police and fire

AN- we need to review the MOU, its of work including large community input the first time. what training of the ma requirements are implemented. 40 hours required, including training in non violent communication and de-escalation

could be positive bridge gap between public and police look for data, hard to find, SRO in schools creating uncomfortable situation for people with trauma and people of color, often data shows escalating situations

215,000 first year maybe not car...car was capital?

180,000 salaries does this zero out our line item? mayors budget is level funded we are forced to make reductions if we had this money we could add educational services to help

what is our average response time, we call 911 not the SRO

Reminder we are governing authority no matter where the money comes from

it is in the mayors budget but he wants to get grants

SH- the police dept has to have SRO but if the community doesn't have enough money ask the state WE do say yes , no but we need to keep student safety at forefront

KC- we need to make a full review of our current MOU

CW- wants to support but wants clarity on how we use them

SH- if given 200,000 for school safety is this how we would want to use it

SE- we need to approve, there is no end time or review period in the current MOU

SH- need to be supportive of cooperative relationships, support initiatives to keep schools safe, but shouldn't we outline and review the current situation first

AN- hearing consensus to review before we can expand

SH- need to talk to administrations to see if all 32 are appropriate and accurate are they being completed? are there too many responsibilities?

KC- subcommittee do we have consensus to commit to a review before we can move forward?

SH, CW, KC- yes

CW- why this agenda? do they expect a vote this time?

AN- didn't seem to anticipate a vote, just to help understand all the proposal entails

CW- not voting, hold vote til review

KC- felt like vote was wanted but I am not ready

AN- the budget will be done, but we still vote even if the line item exists

SH- city council can allot more money to us if they want seems like this entire conversation should be non-public per MGL 4

AN- are SRO logs public?

SH- yes we can look at data but lets really focus on our own district

KC- subcommittee will recommend to review MOU and to hold any vote until it the review is complete

Adjourn 2:15