

## Health & Safety subcommittee minutes 03.06.18

Call to order March 6 1:06pm

In attendance

Katie Caron

Adrienne Nunez

Susan Hollins

Cameron Ward

Superintendent Harper

Principal Jake Toomey

Principal Melanie Goodwin

Principal Gary Tashjan

Start conversation about Parking,

KC asks if a civil engineer has ever been asked their opinion

JT says one was a few years ago at 4C and he would get the committee the review

KC suggests setting with the Police Chief as next logical step,

CW-talks about Middle School drop off and pick up

JH-asks one way?

GT-Has been discussed before and was told no one way because of emergency vehicles

JT-one way has been discussed at 4C residents don't like the idea

JH-this is a statewide problem, neighborhood schools Maybe we need to have a meeting of HSF, DPW, Police Chief, Parking

Safe City Safe Community is a city Grant

SH- 2 issues cut down on number of cars and more parking is necessary

GT-one way only part of the day? what about gradual pick up?

SH- teacher contract doesn't specify time

JH-two side parking is unsafe

JT- we have requested help and other then a little help with ticketing there hasn't been a response

SH- too many kids? Green river open as elementary school solve the issue?

JH- too many kids being picked up good point, more bus more walk

AN-Chief has been receptive to meeting in the past , start there best to have some possible resolutions before community meeting

What about utilizing the church lot

JH- that is a town contract for just parking

GT- issue of kids crossing bus line to get there

SH-why aren't kids on the bus

KC- parents don't feel like their kids are safe so they aren't opting to pick up and drop off

GT- didn't someone come to look

JH-what are the costs? signs?

AN-Include Fire chief

JH-ticketing?

JT-they have in the past but tapered off after a couple visits in the beginning of the year

CW- they did at the high school and people were mad

JH-metered parking?

MG- assigned pick up spots?

JH-there are parking apps..make things faster? doesn't eliminate queue

MG-they made our road wider to help with bussing when redoing sidewalks

JH-pick up on cherry st, with pavilion for waiting?

KC-now the traffic has just moved to cherry st, residents down like that

JT-proposed before would need a sidewalk out to the road

GT-make a road?

JT-wetlands

JT-road from Bernardston rd to Fernate, beside school

KC-now the back up is on Bernardston rd

GT-5 minute problem but big problem

JH- police officer support

KC- me and superintendent Harper will meet with the chief

Pick up of students promptly, what to do if not picked up or not removed from the bus  
MG- If we change where they are picked up if the parent is late it may deter people, police station? central office?  
GT\_ we have called police if parents do not come to get the student  
JH-we need a broad policy  
GT- important to maintain family relationships  
SH- jumping back could we survey parents why they aren't allowing their children on the bus?  
CW- too long of day much shorter if parent brings them to school and picks them up  
SH- what about a central parking lot drop off where parents can retrieve the children?  
JH- worried about legality of drop off with no confirmed parent presence to retrieve the student  
KC- back to pick up policy, present to full committee

Banner update?

CW-waiting to here from Athletic director  
JH- what is the issue? missing?  
CW- not hung up well, old banners and missing new ones, talk of auctioning off old ones to raise money  
JH- keep the old banners  
SH-policy about what to do with school property

Other safety concerns

AN- sign at federal street, and others school zone and no trespassing  
JH-Money has been appropriated, capital plan is in works for fencing safety issue close off the playgrounds  
SH- we updated the policy so we are responsible  
JH- in the capital plan for all fencing  
AN- when will we know  
JH- after budget'SH- down wait  
MG and JT- signs needed to help them keep the children safe  
AN- could vote now to do it now  
Jh- vote to recommend a gate, vote to make clear signage, recommend waiting on gate since it is in the capital plan  
AN- Kc please bring recommendation to vote on signs

new business

JH- Possible early release tomorrow  
AN- Green river school plan, is needed and is coming to, we need to have students in there a year from now delayed by asbestos remediation  
The community relations and education subcommittee of the town council, is very interested in our plan, lets make sure we tell them how they can support us to get the job done  
Cw- who is on the committee  
AN- Issac Mass, Vern Sund, Doug Mayo, JH and I attended the meeting they had a lot of questions and interest  
SH- what do they want?  
AN- community forums to discuss  
JH- originally the Star committee recommended the building be turned back into an elementary school, which was not met favorably by all although it seems some minds have changed  
AN- we need to make a timeline  
Sh- things have changed new idea? primary goals?  
JH-clarity needed on MSBA  
SH- could we have a rep?  
AN- we could whole committee could vote to have a rep  
SH- we could use it as a revenue stream  
AN- we need to make a plan to decide on recommendation and a line item to FY 19

Update on current safety protocol review

JH- review of all policies and protocols meeting with state police and facility managers, all schools with concerns have work orders in place, walk through schools to look at all safety training for all faculty, been attending faculty meetings to hear from faculty, education is priority in keeping our kids safe, additional training for teachers this summer  
March 14, allowing safe space for participation in protest, teachers and staff are responsible for the safety of

the students

High school is hosting a day of dialogue, to talk about how to make changes effectively,

Middle school day of action

Elementary school day of kindness connects to  
focus on safe and supportive school environment

AN- this is an agenda item

We have subcommittee support

JT- presented to teachers they are excited

SH- we don't have a policy that other districts have we need to update safety security and emergency  
preparedness

JH- we are really working on classroom level preparedness, having go buckets for all types of emergency  
situations

Adjournment 2:55