

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 2017

3:00 p.m.



PRESENT: Robert Miller, Danielle Yoder, Holly Sawyer, Lori Stover, Krissy Derugen, Amy Niewinski and Erik Confer

MINUTES: Minutes from the April 20, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Holly Sawyer and seconded by Erik Confer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2017 FEMA Spring Hazardous Weather Drill was completed April 25-26, 2017. The Drill was declared “table top” by the State due to conflicting PSSA testing that week. Robert Miller submitted the required forms and reported that two all hazard weather radios malfunctioned. Replacement radios have been ordered for PVHS and PVEI.
- Annual Safety Committee training was completed by Dustin Dalton, Erik Confer and Amy Niewinski on April 18, 2017 and by Robert Miller and Lori Stover on May 4, 2017. Next year we will all do the training together.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We received notification that our annual PA Department of Labor & Industry Health and Safety (HandS) Application for Certification Renewal of our Workplace Safety Committee was approved. We will receive a 5% discount of our worker’s compensation insurance premium. Danielle Yoder mentioned that she has had an increase in worker’s compensation claims due to student-teacher issues. The group discussed the legal limits of “hands on” interventions with student behaviors. Teachers can only use hands-on when a student is a danger to themselves or others.
- PVHS Addition/ Renovation project will start the week of June 5, 2017 as planned. Jobsite conferences and safety meetings will be held every other week starting May 30, 2017 and will continue throughout the two-year project until completion. After graduation on June 2, parking in the front lot will be condensed to the west side to accommodate the construction trailers. Band equipment and uniforms will be stored in PVEI so that Darris DeRemer can access them for the Disney trip. The High School Library renovations will be completed June 29th and then the HS Administrative Offices will be moved into that space.

WORK PLACE SAFETY CONCERNS:

- Danielle Yoder reported that a PA State Trooper and another adult were allowed access to PVEI at the back entrance last week. All visitors must check in at the main offices. Staff also reported that doors were being propped open. This is a problem at all schools and needs to be addressed. Before school starts in August, we need to implement a stronger door closure rule so that people are not propping doors and letting people in. We also need to have IEP students being admitted at the front office instead of at the rear of the building near the Special Education office. There is no double lock down at the back entrance.

WORK PLACE SAFETY CONCERNS: continued

- The Committee discussed the unsafe situation occurring during drop off and pick up times at the rear of PVEI. Principal Yoder is very concerned about the safety of our students and staff because people are driving too fast and precariously. It would be better to have the children dropped off at the front of the building, but the current parking restrictions and bus lanes makes this difficult. This is a serious safety concern that needs to be discussed with the District Administration.
- We should look into getting a crosswalk painted on Rt#45 because we have students and staff crossing the road throughout the day. Motorists drive faster than 35mph through the campus section and it is dangerous. This would have to be a joint effort between the District and the State.

ACCIDENT REVIEW: NONE

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Erik Confer, seconded by Holly Sawyer.

Next Meeting – Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM