

Summary of 3/22/19 Lockdown Day

During PTG Meeting 3/25/19

- Allegheny County 911 called St. Bernard's school at approximately 10:45am on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 to tell them to go on lockdown, no other information was given. Staff member tried to get more information, 911 operator repeated to staff member to go on lockdown and hung up
- Staff member immediately informed all staff of Lockdown
- All staff did what they were trained to do and used their best judgment in keeping our children safe
- Staff was trained to assess the situation. If they believed leaving the building would be better, they could do so.
- Staff member called Mt. Lebanon PD at approximately 11:15am to inquire if Lockdown was lifted. At that point staff member was informed that lockdown had been lifted.
- Dr. Merante and Fr. Dave were not informed until after 2pm about the situation that led to the 911 call earlier that day
- Dr. Merante and Fr. Dave addressed 911 call to Mt. Lebanon Police Department, who informed them that they should have not gotten that call.
- Mt. Lebanon PD addressed their concerns about the 911 call to the Allegheny County PD
- Parents voiced concerns about how communication to parents was handled after the lockdown was lifted
- Lunch Fish Fry Parent volunteers voiced their concerns about not being informed of canceled Lockdown and an immediate following meeting in the Cafeteria
- Parents felt a meeting would have been appropriate to inform parents of procedures, why staff members reacted differently to the situation, to discuss the situation
- Fr. Dave is working on an Emergency plan for rectory, church, Fish Fry/Clairvaux Hall
- Parents felt the church and school are one community and therefore feel the emergency plan and communication should be one
- Dr. Merante explained the difference between a Lockdown drill and Shelter in Place, which was told to Seton La Salle and K.O.
- Parents requested a meeting with Dr. Merante and Fr. Dave open to all parents to discuss 3/22/19 Lockdown Day
- Dr. Merante spoke with Fr. Dave later on last night 3/25/19. Fr. Dave called Mt. Lebanon PD again and spoke with someone in charge, who told him that the situation was addressed to Allegheny County PD in its entirety and has been taken care of.