

**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY
Harford County Public Schools (HCPS)**

**Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2018**

1. The meeting convened at 6:35p.m. in A.A. Roberty Building, Room 234A. Attendees (7) were:

Committee Members

Brooks, Donovan (HCPS)

Sampson, Gregory

Thompson, Elizabeth

Frosolone, Matthew

Morgan, Hazel

Shriner, Dave

O'Neill, Brian Cpl.

2. **Suspense/Actions Items.** None.

3. **Discussion.**

a. **Opening remarks.** Quorum not met.

b. **Review of minutes.** None.

c. **HCPS update.**

Mr. Brooks reported Committee Member Joan Betzold tendered her resignation.

In the wake of the Parkland, Florida school shooting, there have been multiple incidents involving false reports of students intending on bringing guns to schools. Incidents have occurred and been publicized at Harford Tech and North Harford Middle. Sheriff's Office has participated in all of these investigations and increased its presence at these schools.

Mr. Brooks advised that there is a planned "walk-out" demonstration by the students in response to Parkland allegedly scheduled for March 14, 2018 for a total of 17 minutes, in honor of the 17 students who were killed in Florida. The Superintendent and Mr. Brooks have been in constant communication concerning this proposed demonstration and the safety and security risks associated with it.

Mr. Brooks reports that he is working to establish a Safety & Security Task Force in conjuncture with the Sheriff's Office. The Superintendent has approved the institution of ALICE training for employees which includes a counter element which is missing from the current Critical Incident Plans. Institution of this recognized training is the consensus of the community. Mr. Brooks believes that the most effective portion of ALICE is the lock down portion. Mr. Brooks advises that instituting this training will take some time. He advised the Committee that Baltimore County Public Schools is currently implementing the training and it is being phased in over a 2 year period.

d. **School Resource Officer (SRO) update.** Cpl. O'Neill reported that the K-9 scans conducted by the HCSO are complete. He advised that there were multiple alerts but no findings. His report does not include scans conducted by the municipalities. Cpl. O'Neill also reports that the SRO from Alt. Ed was transferred to Magnolia Middle. He reiterated Mr. Brooks report concerning the false reports of threats of students bringing guns to school. The Sheriff's Office is reporting each and every allegation regardless of the grade level of the school. The allegations continually originate and are expounded upon through social media sites.

e. **Parks and Recreation Update.** Parks and Recs reports that it is launching a new website referred to as "RecOne" in which it will be able to accept credit card payments for rentals of fields and other payments. P & R is working with Bassmasters to conduct a fishing competition at Flying Point Park from July 26, 2018 through July 29, 2018. Mr. Frosolone shared the brochure of the event with the Committee Members. He also advised that there will be Youth Baseball Clinics available at Patterson Mill High School this summer to teach students specific areas of the sport by certified instructors at P & R. He also reports the institution of a program referred to as StartSmart to provide sports activities for students and parents.

f. **BOE meeting.** None.

g. **Areas of study.** None.

h. New business/open discussion.

Members reported the findings of the site visit to Deerfield Elementary School. The major concern was the availability and location of cameras throughout the building. A map of the school depicting the areas lacking coverage was submitted to Mr. Brooks with the written report. There is also a report of an outside door sticking and no locking. The door leads from the outside into a stairwell. Notices were posted along all exterior doors reminding staff and students to make sure the doors were locked. A photograph of the notice was shared with the Committee Members. Homestead-Wakefield ES site visit is scheduled and confirmed for Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Members Timothy Coale, Gregory Sampson and Elizabeth Thompson will complete and report back.

The members discussed several topics such as installation of off-duty police officers and retired military personnel on school grounds as an effective deterrent to criminal behavior on school grounds such that occurred in Parkland. The members also discussed a recent report concerning a school in Shelbyville, Indiana that was purported to be the “safest” school in the country. Mrs. Morgan advised that she would be in Shelbyville for a couple of weeks and asked permission to view the school on behalf of the Committee and report back. Mrs. Thompson reported that the Harford County Bar Association would be conducted Civics and the Law Academy for HCPS at Harford Community College on March 23, 2018, the curriculum of which includes an element on Social Media Responsibility.

4. The next CAC Safety and Security meeting is scheduled for **March 21, 2018** from 6:00-8:00p.m. Please contact the HCPS Safety and Security Office at 410-638-4242 for a specific topic to add to the agenda.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION:

All attendees (see paragraph 1 above)

All requested participants not in attendance