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WILTON SECURITY TASK FORCE MEETING

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Chief Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. In attendance were Terrie Schwartz, Roseann DeSimone, Jack Suchy, Dr. Kevin Smith, John Logan, Ken Post, Jory Higgins, John Murphy, Gary Battaglia, and 12 representatives from eight Wilton Pre-schools and/or Daycares and the Wilton YMCA. Attendees and contact information is listed below.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2015 meeting was made by Terrie Schwartz which was seconded and approved. The Preschool and Daycare representatives then introduced themselves to the Task Force.

Terrie Schwartz gave an overview of the recommendations of the Security Task Force report. She emphasized that recommendations focused on both physical infrastructure improvements as well as mental health aspects. Chief Crosby indicated all of Wilton's Daycare and Preschools are on an alert list should any lockdown of the public schools be put into effect. He provided a form to ensure that the police department has current and accurate contact information. He noted each facility must determine independently how to handle emergencies at their specific location. Numerous questions from all of the Preschool and Daycare attendees arose and an active discussion took place to address their concerns. Chief Crosby indicated that in addition to the two School Resource Officers, other members of the Wilton Police Force are available to advise regarding best safety practices. Chief Crosby also indicated that the Preschool and Daycare facilities can contact Wilton Police Department at any time should they have questions or concerns.

Ms. Schwartz noted it was very important for there to be a locking mechanism on all interior doors as has been done or is in the process of implementation at the Wilton public schools. Discussion

followed as to why this is critical. Dr. Smith discussed the State requirement for all an "All Hazard Alert" and the need to practice it regularly.

One of the recommendations made by the Task Force that is being done across the Wilton public school district is placement of exterior numbering on all ground level external windows. This allows police and other first responders to quickly get correct positioning should an incident occur. Other important security issues that have been addressed at the public schools were discussed.

Dr. Smith introduced Kim Zemo, the newly appointed Safe School Climate Coordinator. This position was recommended in the original Task Force recommendations. The focus of this position is to provide a comprehensive approach that focuses on students who feel disenfranchised or feel "outside the system". Ms. Zemo indicated that early identification of troubled students is critical and emphasizes to all of the students and faculty the axiom "see something - say something". She is establishing "Climate Teams" in all buildings to address potential issues.

Ms. Schwartz made a motion at 7:30 PM to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in meeting room "B".

Wilton Preschool and Daycare Attendees

Tanya Carrafiello	203-522-2895	The Center Daycare
Josephine Tirado	203-563-9360	Center for Growth & Development
Bill Alves	203-762-4104	SSWD Service & VP
Pamela Ely	203-762-8 (or 5)001	Children's Day School
Summer Selarka	203-864-5422	Honey Tree Preschool
Danielle Gallop	203-544-7545	Honey Tree Preschool
Diane Mercer	203-762-3615	A Kids Place 2
Karen Cooke	203-249-4979	A Kids Place 2
MaryAnn Putnam	203-762-3436	Community Nursery School of Wilton
Debbie Lee	203-4080865	The Goddard School
Aaron Britton	203-762-8384x28	Wilton YMCA
Molly Blosser	203-762-8384	Wilton YMCA