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WILTON SECURITY TASK FORCE MEETING

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Co-Chairman Terrie Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chief Crosby, Roseann DeSimone, John Logan, John Murphy, Jack Suchy, Ken Post, Jory Higgins, Dr. Kevin Smith, and Gary Battaglia.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting was made by Roseann DeSimone and seconded by John Murphy.

Old Business:

The ERT inspected the placement and size of the room numbers on the windows and advised that the number size should be 4"x 2".

Communication with the private schools is ongoing. The School Resource Officers continue to work with the private schools and standard protocol text will be shared with them. It was suggested that a deadline be set for the SROs to work with all the other schools and furnish a list of their contact numbers. A point was brought up to suggest to the private schools that they may also want to use a window numbering system.

Item three (3) "Enhanced communications software" was discussed later in the meeting.

The digitization of school building plans should be completed by March 15th, along with an update on the shades. An estimated cost was given for the first floor rooms.

The pros and cons of placement of planter barriers at the schools were reviewed. It was suggested that the schools be surveyed to determine whether or not they are in favor of the barriers. If not in favor, then it will no longer be pursued.

It was reported that the heavier magnetic tape works well on the doors. Door locks were discussed.

Payment for replacement of the high school doors has been allocated. A contract has been signed with Eastern Fire Door. The work will be done this summer and will be paid for by the Task Force.

The appropriate glass will be ordered and installed. The charges were submitted to the WSTF. A motion to approve the vendor Cherry Hill to move forward with the work was passed and approved by the WSTF.

There was a discussion on the potential PA system upgrades. This is not a bondable item. The Wilton Security Task Force strongly recommends that the Board of Education pays for this critical PA upgrade since the Task Force bond money cannot be used.

New Business:

The Threat Coordinator, Kim Zemo will be asked to attend the next WSTF meeting. This should be publicized.

The schools throughout the district will review the security enhancements.

It was suggested that the Threat Coordinator's plans should be publicized.

There was a discussion about PROTEG-GO, a protection and safety solutions company to enhance communications between buildings and appropriate staff, schools and police, communication to parents and the technology used to layout the process. The decision was made by the WSTF members not to pursue this any further.

Dr. Smith discussed the communication systems in Wilton and in Bethel. Also discussed was an added on-line broadcast feature.

Chief Crosby will bring a video to the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 17th, at 6:00 PM in meeting room "B".

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM