

Safety Committee - 1/8 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Maureen Harris, Heather Schmidt, Jennifer Kort, Rachel Druff, Douglas Moore, Kelley Yousik, Cortney Carroll, Nicole Perricelli, Shana Katz, Melissa Dart

Agenda Items Discussed:

- The Hidden in Plain Sight event on 1/14 at Godwin High School was discussed. Parents will be invited to search through a room to look for signs of teen drug use. Additional resources will be available.
- Melissa Dart provided an overview of the Be Smart event that will held at Maebury Elementary on 1/29. Gayton's families have been invited. Topics covered will include safe gun storage, safeguarding medicines, and internet safety.
- Upcoming events where volunteers would be needed were discussed.
 - Bring Your Family to School Week - Heather will reach out to Townsend to ask her to post volunteer requests for Monday through Thursday mornings.
 - The Talent Show on 3/12 will not require additional volunteers.
 - Spring Carnival - Heather will reach out to Kenton to find out when their next planning meeting is in order to determine when the next safety meeting should be held.
- The following concerns were raised.
 - Primary elections - The committee discussed how to proceed given concerns over the school remaining open during the presidential primary voting days. It was decided to ask Debbie when all the other PTAs will meet and if she could gauge support on whether the other PTAs would be willing to write letters to the school board on closing the schools on those dates. It was also decided to proceed with a Change.org petition to close schools, signed as concerned parents, not as part of the PTA. The submission of the Change.org petition was left to be determined based on when the PTA would go forward with their letter.
 - Gator Squad coverage was briefly discussed. The lack of volunteer signup was raised. Committee members were asked to help provide coverage for in school events.
 - Front door coverage was again discussed. Concerns over the front staff buzzing in persons without following protocol was brought up, as well as leaving the back door propped open.
- A suggestion was made to look into the Sandy Hook Promise program. It was pointed out that parents weren't able to access the information packet provided by the program. Mrs. Harris is going to look into the program.

The next meeting will be scheduled towards the end of March. The specific date will be determined later. The Spring Carnival, Field Day, and the Fifth Grade Graduation will be on the agenda.