

**District Safety Meeting**  
**December 7, 2022**

**NOTES**

Dr. Baiocoo

- Safety Management Protocols - we are always looking to identify our strengths and weaknesses and continually reviewing our process and revising our protocols accordingly.
- Chief Wanamaker invited me to the Clarkstown Police Department where I was able to see the dispatch and training centers and the police force monitoring our Share 911 staff communication system.
- As with our safety drills, the police department is also looking at the processes through their *lens*.
- Our security staff is amazing, dedicated to their jobs, constantly making sure our plans address current safety needs and any suggested improvements are executed in a timely manner. There are 55 security officers, most are former law enforcement and six School Resource Officers (CPD) police officers stationed at our schools.  
<https://www.ccsd.edu/Page/3743>)
- We are constantly meeting with new vendors in search of improved technology to assist with emergency operation protocols. Today we met with a vendor to improve door access technology. Continue evolution.
- Communication - We have a unified command structure meaning we all speak the same language, school staff and first responders. Clarifies communication responsibilities in emergency situations.
- Rockland BOCES hosted a county-wide active shooter drill. CCSD included our BOE in this training, along with members of the District and Building Safety teams and CPD. By doing so, it gives all stakeholders a clearer picture of what we are dealing with and what the response could look like. This drill was coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Federal Agencies. Thank you Chief Wannamaker for sending members of your team. We rely on the Clarkstown Police Department in an emergency.

Our identified areas for improvements are reunification and recovery. (CCSD safety task force will convene to review and refine protocols)

## Clarkstown Police Department

Chief Wanamaker: Introduced his team

- Lt. Jo Anne Fratiani: Oversees Special Operations and our SROS.
- Det. Lt Tom Ronan - Coordinates all active shooter training for officers, community organizations and schools.
- Det. Norm Peters: CPD Public Information Officer. Supports and coordinates communications during school emergencies and programming. Works closely with CCSD.

OMNIPRESENCE PROGRAM - Patrol Officers stop by our elementary schools while on daily tour of duty, required part of patrol duties. We want the staff and students to see our faces. Patrol officers are constantly on the school properties doing building walkthroughs.

Det. Norm Peters collaborates with CCSD on communication to the Clarkstown community. Provides guidance.

Lt. JoAnn Frattiani

- CCSD has 6 SROs  
2 at each High School and 2 at FFMS
- The CPD has 2 additional SRO trained officers who serve as substitutes.
- SROs receive instructor development training to enhance the delivery and development of student presentations.
- The CPD works to train and prepare the schools for emergency response - "Train like it is real..."
- SROs at SHS provide 10th and 11 grade instruction and presentation on DWI during health class.
- SROs at SHS provide 9th grade instruction and presentation on internet safety and good citizenship.
- SROs at NHS are currently preparing to deliver a driver safety class for students applying for a parking permit. This program has been ongoing on SHS.
- SROs at FFMS worked with 6th grade staff as part of "Festa Foundations." Participated in presentations on good school citizenship and social media.
- All three SRO teams are encouraged to post articles in respective school newsletters.

- CPD will again be participating in the “No Empty Chair campaign” which is a week-long program. Each day focuses on a different relevant safety topic. CCSD will be engaging with schools and PTA to partner in this campaign.
  - Monday, April 24, 2023 – Speeding in School Zones
  - Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – Seat Belt and Child Restraints
  - Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – Cell Phone Use and Texting
  - Thursday, April 27, 2023 – Operation Safe Stop
  - Friday, April 28, 2023 - Underage Drinking and Impaired Driving

Det. Lt Tom Ronan

- The CPD just finished annual inservice active shooter response training for all officers in the department.
- Training took place at the former Grace Baptist Church which provides various location types (classroom style hallways, residential areas, etc.) and full access for different scenarios in training. Training will also take place in the spring.
- CPD is working with the district to schedule active shooter training for all schools
- CPD recommends and can assist in training for teachers and staff in “Stop the Bleed” to respond to life threatening bleeding in the event a student or staff person is injured or wounded.

Principal Jon Slaybaugh

- Birchwood completed active shooter training in August which was an invaluable experience.
- Officers were well prepared in providing guidance, comfort and structure and were able to answer questions.
- Presentation well received by staff.
- Everyone started the school year off with the knowledge that the CPD is well trained and prepared.

## **Building Safety**

Anthony Valenti

- New sewer pump and tank was installed at FFMS to facilitate sanitary flow to the sanitary interceptor that delivers sewage to the treatment plants.
- SHS - facade repair because of brick that was cracking and pushed out away from the interior wall. Cracking was due to differences in expansion and contraction. The brick was expanding at different rates which created a crack and

allowed water to enter. This was completed as an emergency project. All work was inspected and evaluated. Expansion joints were installed to alleviate any of the stresses.

- SHS - fitness/weight room ventilation and air conditioning upgrades. This space currently just provides heated air. Air conditioning will go a long way to improve health and safety of athletes at SHS.
- NHS - Front Entry redevelopment project (Scheduled Summer 2023) - One entrance will be dedicated to buses and the other to vehicles (faculty/students/etc). We created an enhanced drop off area by the main entrance. In doing so we created a safe place for students to wait for pickup. The security booth at the front entrance has been redeveloped to give security personnel a better means to monitor traffic coming and going.
- NHS - Locker room enhancement is included for the upcoming summer.
- FFMS - Sidewalk replacement required due to a variety of walkway surfaces creating unevenness, divots, potholes, etc.
- Another project budgeted for is paving. Uneven surfaces are an inhibitor to scraping down snow during storms.
- Birchwood Floor replacement - Required an asbestos abatement project. A new liquid floor was installed which will last for many years.

#### Next projects:

- SHS - Areas were evaluated for waterproofing - can be added to future projects.
- Water bottle refill stations (28)
- Paving - Select areas
- Transportation: - Wash Bay Ventilation System. We need to provide for the safety of our mechanics.

#### Inspections:

- Visual inspections are required by SED. All school districts are required to do a full building conditions survey every 5 years which is submitted to the State Education Department, facilities planning.
- CCSD - Full Building Condition Survey will be conducted in 2024 - visual inspections conducted in the interim (2020 and 2022).
- Architects and Engineers review old data, existing reports, asbestos reports, and survey inside and outside of buildings.

- After inspections are completed the buildings are rated. Systems or components rated based upon a number of facts.
- Overall building ratings range from excellent to failing
- Building systems or components are rated as Unsatisfactory/Past Useful life (U), Non-Functioning (NF) or Critical Failure (CF). Systems that have a useful life of five or less years will impact the building rating.
- 85 categories that professionals look at health and safety or structural (H or S)
- If any of the 38 (out of 85 total) categories identified as either H (Health & Safety) or S (Structural) are rated "Unsatisfactory", the overall building rating will be "Unsatisfactory".
- Any health, safety and / or structural system that is rated "Non-functioning" or "Critical failure" results in an overall building rating of "Failing".

## Safety

- Life Cycle of building systems (CCSD buildings typical age is 55 to 60 years old)
- Typical life span of building systems is 20 to 30 years.
  - Boilers - lifespan 25-30 years
  - Ventilators - life span 20 years
  - Air handlers - life span 30 years
  - Electrical panels - lifespan 30 years
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- Many of our schools have systems that are original to the building. Findings have indicated original unit ventilator systems, doors, windows, tiles, electrical panels.
- HVAC (Heat/Ventilation/Air Conditioning) systems - All CCSD HVAC systems are classified as unsatisfactory because they have exceeded their useful life. We placed HEPA air filtering units in all classrooms, offices and other areas used within our buildings in 2020.
- All Buildings are safe and systems continue to operate as required - This is accomplished through preventative maintenance. We have been able to keep systems in operation well past their useful life.
- Next steps are discussions of a Capital Spending Plan with the Facilities Improvement Committee and BOE.

## Fire inspection

- Certificate of Occupancy - Successful Fire inspection required each year for each building to receive a C of O.
- Performed on an annual basis but the cycle is 11 months. This allows for the inspector to see buildings at various times of the year.
- Our last inspection was in November. It was performed for all occupied buildings.
- Some observations in the schools:
  - Room wall coverage - educational materials on walls. Can't have more than 50% of a classroom wall or 20% of a hallway wall covered in combustible materials. Can't have combustible materials within 2 feet of the ceiling.
  - No combustible materials can be placed on classroom doors.
  - Emergency egress (blocked doors and windows) - Emergency access windows need to be clear.
  - Emergency Lights Not Functioning - we have several hundred emergency lights.
  - Furniture in hallways
  - Electrical - extension cords, daisy chaining and holiday lights are not permitted.
  - Electrical panels are blocked at times.
- We make corrective actions and submit information to the state.

## John LaNave

- Developing capital programs has been ongoing work which began in the 2015-16 school year.
- We spent over 60 million dollars on projects without increasing the budget by using other resources, maximizing state aid, etc.
- We are at a point where our debt service will be reduced in the next several years.
- We are in conversations with the facilities improvement committee, the superintendent and community on how to take next steps on capital improvement. This is an important topic and we will continue to work on this. More to come.

Dr. Baiocco

- We have a process which includes a 3 to 5 year plan and a 10 year trajectory as well. We need to consider priority items. What (building system need) rises to priority 1 item?
- need vs. want
- Several of our schools require attention to building inspection “priority one” items. One such priority item is the HVAC system.
- Implementation of new systems in 14 schools is a hefty cost.
- We need to prioritize to make sure we are improving upon the health of students and staff.
- We want to make sure there is evolution in safety and security solutions and the costs are built into our budget.

David Gosman

- In 2015 there was a focus to make big improvements. We concentrated on critical items that would shut down our buildings if they failed inspections. “Critical Infrastructure” Bond.
- Many roofs were very old.
- Some boilers were original to the building.
- Storefront at FFMS was addressed by redoing windows and doors. It was a safety issue. Provides for a safer environment.
- Much was spent on critical projects that the community can’t see (roofs, boilers, electrical transformers.) There were some projects where upgrades were visible (auditoriums).
- Love what John, Anthony and Marc have outlined for future capital work. Excited for improvements.

Maureen Sullivan

- Recognition of Anthony and the entire B & G team on annual fire inspection and the visual inspection process.
- Stop the Bleed Program (<https://www.stopthebleed.org/>) Teaches how to stop life-threatening bleeding. Sue Sherlock has started training with the nurses. Intend to roll out training over the year.
- District working with CPD and LT. Frae of Rockand Paramedics. Lt. Frae gave us information on how to apply for a grant. Rockland paramedics has offered to do a program free of charge.

Lt. Bernadette Frae (Rockland Paramedics)

- Provided information to the district on Stop the Bleed grants
- Through Rockland Paramedic, can assist in providing trainers to teach the program.
- When you train people it makes them feel encouraged and alleviates fear.

- Anyone in the community can stop by the ambulance corp. for free information.

School Safety relies on the participation of every stakeholder. Thank you for your commitment to our children and staff.