

Recommendation from Ad Hoc SRO Committee

Charge: Make recommendation to WBOE on security personnel needs and costs for 2018-19 school year.

Members: Sandy Stein – **BOF/community member**
Rob Berke – Chair, **Police Commission**
Frank Cappiello – **Chief of Police**
Bob Gilbert – **Superintendent**
Gina Prisco - **Principal**
Margaret Hamilton – **WBOE chair**
Lynn Piascyk – **Safety Committee member and WBOE member**
Paul Testa – **WBOE member**
Nancy Maasbach – **WBOE member**
Cathy Salinardi – **Extended Day**
Judy Silva – **North Office Staff**
Shari Foldy – **Teaching Assistant**
Patrick Reed – **Parent Representative**
Maria Madonick – **Parent Representative**
Peter Halsey – Classroom Teacher
John Adamovich - **Woodbridge Recreation Department**

Process: The committee met as follows:

- 8/24/17 – Initial meeting and discussion of charge and process
- 8/31/17 – PARENT FORUM prior to Open House
- 9/05/17 – PARENT FORUM prior to Open House
- 9/12/17 – PARENT FORUM prior to Open House
- 9/14/17 – discussion of survey questions and narrative
- 9/19/17 – FACULTY FORUM
- 9/20/17 – FACULTY FORUM
- 9/25/17 – PARENT FORUM
- 9/25/17 – Meeting to finalize survey narrative and questions
- 10/12/17 – Meeting to review survey results and document recommendation to WBOE on Security Personnel needs

Parent participation at the four Parent Forums was minimal – 6-8 parents in total attended. Staff participation at the two Staff forums was also low – 7-9 staff members attended in total.

Participation in the survey was also low:

- Total of 279 responses received
- 62 (out of 120) staff responses
- 217 (out of 1013 EMAIL links) parent responses
- No clear “mandate” from survey, either in number of responses, or consistency of responses.

Recommendation: Recommendation from the committee is as follows:

1. Continue current SRO position – active duty Woodbridge police officer
2. Continue SRO coverage as is during school year and summer programs – with summer programs covering summer cost (approximately \$28,000 of total cost).
3. Discuss with town any “shared” funding under the category of “community policing” given that if Beecher did NOT employ the SRO, coverage for the school would be provided by the police department at a very different level, but still would apply.

Final Steps: This committee will meet a final time to put together forum to present survey results and recommendation.