

SRO Ad Hoc Committee  
July 27, 2020

1. Called to order: 4:09 pm
2. Attendance: Robert Gilbert, Superintendent, Sandy Stein, Board of Selectman Liaison to Board of Education, Frank Cappiello, Police Chief, Analisa Sherman, Principal, Lynn Piascyk, Board of Education Chair, Dan Cowan, Board of Education, Joi Prudhomme, PTO Representative, Adam Schaefer, Parent, Judy Silva, CILU Representative, Susan Simoniello, WEA Representative, Suzanne Sugarmann, TA Union Representative, Deborah Fried, Police Commission Representative

Public: Joyce Shavers

3. Public Comment:
  - a. Joyce Shavers thanked the committee for their efforts. Discussed the need for a process to support decision making that allows the group to separate the person from the decision. Budgetary considerations are important to consider.
4. Review of MOU for SRO by Police Chief Cappiello
  - a. MOU was reviewed, as well as duties (please see MOU included in Meeting agenda) Major responsibilities include communication with school administration and police department, mandated reporting and maintaining a presence in the building.
5. SRO Duties at BRS
  - a. Review of SRO duties at BRS. Major responsibilities include: arrival and dismissal management of vehicles, daily walk throughs of interior and exterior of the building, extra-curricular school support (ie ice cream social) as well as after hours support if something happens with a student. SRO is on a full year schedule at BRS-- different than Amity. SRO is also a member of the School Safety Committee. Finally SRO teaches the 18 week DARE Program to 6th graders as well as a variety of other programs with different grade levels. SRO also monitors the safety and security of the school building and on the grounds.
  - b. Questions:
    - i. What is the cost of the DARE Program?
    - ii. How often do we utilize SRO for criminal proceedings?
    - iii. Cost of 10 month Amity SRO?
    - iv. Cost over the summer--- this is split with E-Day, Summer Enrichment and Rec.
    - v. If we have a non-uniformed support staff how will they support the staff if a parent gets belligerent?
    - vi. What would the PD response time be if we did not have an SRO at BRS?
    - vii. How often does the SRO have to "act as a police officer"?

6. WBOE SRO Policy
  - a. Policy is brief, due to detail included within the MOU
7. Review of Resources:
  - a. CABA's Best Practices
    - i. Provides some background information around SRO and BOE
  - b. CABA Article --
8. Next steps/next meeting dates
  - a. Considerations around possibility for outdoor learning environments as we move into teaching during COVID-19
  - b. Consider moving away from Officer Lynch for the 21-22 school year and replacing him with another Police Officer SRO
  - c. Submit any questions for a presenter to reply to Marsha DeGennaro, Dan Cowan
  - d. Next possible meeting date is August 10 at 4:00
  - e. Action items: speaker to attend next meeting, examine max student outdoor populations given current SRO situations, gather criminal record requests made by Officer Lynch over the past 2 years, cost of the DARE program, cost of Amity's SRO.
9. Public Comment: Joyce Shavers asked:
  - a. Would it be worthwhile for the committee to look at benchmarking data--- in CT?
  - b. What criteria would we be considering when making the decision?
10. Meeting Adjournment: 6:15 pm