

**Elk Lake School District
And
Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center**

<i>State Certified Safety Committee Meeting</i>	September 13, 2023 9:00AM Mr. Galella's Office
Attendees: R. Galella, M. Smith, J. Warnero, J. Baker, L. Evans, M. Weisgold, MB. Howell, K. Puza, C. Tripp, J. Gazzillo, K. Griffiths, L. Levin, R. Squier, F. Forgione, C. Hoffman, M. Echevarria, SRO John Vachino (guest), C. Place(guest), Absent: Z. Osborn, K. Bach, M. Mosier, A. Day, D. Curley, C. Booher,	
Roll Call (above): Acceptance of Minutes: Mr. Weisgold moved, and Mr. Tripp seconded to accept the minutes from the August 25, 2023, all members were in favor.	
New Business: Bus Evacuation Update – Mr. Squier stated everything went smoothly with drivers and teachers. This was completed on Friday, September 1, 2023. There was a dog found that morning Mr. Osborn made calls to have dog picked up so no one would be harmed. Mr. Place, guest, stated students should be sent to a safe place so they know what to expect if something happens. Mr. Warnero stated with COVID, narratives were made, and they are gone over so everyone is aware, Fire/Security Drills – All call system didn't work to call all buildings. Guyette was called to come and work on. Mr. Galella had to go to the SCCTC to make the 9/11 memorial all-call, it will work if he calls from Building B to all of SCCTC and Elk Lake this way. Fire drill was able to be heard by everyone on the radios. Mr. Tripp is working on getting a direct fiber connection, hopefully this will help. There was a 911 call from classroom 96, he did hangup immediately, so the call didn't go into the Comm Center, but did alarm on the main switchboard phone. The callboxes were tested and did work in both the Elementary and High Schools. Mr. Galella informed the committee the communication is excellent with the drills and bus drivers, and the radios worked well. Annual Mandatory Training Dates – October 2023, the committee will complete our annual Safety Committee Training. COVID Protocols – Mr. Galella stated he wanted to get everyone's input as PA DOH hasn't given any updates, they are referring to CDC. Mr. Galella checked with the other county superintendents; Montrose and Blue Ridge are not policing. Mr. Galella is not in favor of masks but would like everyone on the committees' opinions. What is the committees' feelings to be the practical things to do if COVID continues to increase? Mr. Gazzella stated CDC states personal choice student/family to follow guidance. Mrs. Levine states there is information on the CDC website when to stay home, DOH is deferring to the CDC recommendations. Mr. Warnero stated CDC is different from DOH, they can only make recommendations not mandates. Mrs. Levine stated PDE/DOH where originally where weekly reports were being completed, 'until it didn't'. 2023-2024 school year no longer reportable, only reportable in certain counties (not ours), refers to another link 'how to handle' outbreaks. Mr. Weisgold asked, 'what constitutes an outbreak'? 2 or more in a 7-day period in the same classroom or hallway? Mrs. Levine stated parents have been great at keeping students' home until fever free, without medication, for 24 hours. Keeping students' home for 5 days if tested positive and masking an additional 5 days, this is what our protocols were at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Siblings, no contract tracing but did recommend they mask. Mr. Weisgold stated not policing, do the nurses use the work 'Recommend or Require?' If positive rapid test, ask the parent to let students teacher know. Mr. Warnero stated if you are sick, stay home. Recommend talking to their healthcare provider for instructions what to do, if they don't have on then refer to NEPA Health Clinic on campus. Students must be fever free, without medications, for 24 hours before returning to school. Mr.	

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Place said it is political but feels should wear masks if coughing. Mrs. Levine asked what about our medically compromised students? This is a concern of the entire committee. Mr. Squier asked if we were worried about treating COVID any different than any other disease, RSV, etc. Mrs. Levine stated it is different when the road map was classified as a "Pandemic."

As a committee we are asking everyone who is positive to consult with their Healthcare provider for instructions.

Old Business:

Monthly walk-through –reminder need the one still for September.

Safety Walk Through – I have everyone's report from the Fire Drill which was completed on September 7, 2023.

Fob Access Mr. Tripp informed the committee 'I believe they are all updated'. Mr. Warnero asked about the beeping doors when they are left open for students to enter and exit the building at arrival/dismissal. Mr. Tripp will work on this in the programming.

Other Items:

A. Any concerns from committee members.

B. Mr. Warnero informed the committee new Act 55 must have a minimum of training of 2 hours in ALICE Drill, Threat Assessment, Emergency Preparedness, Trauma Informed, etc.

Compensation Claims:

None

Adjournment: Mr. Tripp motioned and Mrs. Griffiths 2nd the motion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Special Notes: **Annual Mandatory Safety Committee Training in October.**