

# District Wide Safety Committee Minutes

April 3, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

District Office - Board Room

## EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION NORMS AND GUIDELINES

### Suspend Certainty:

- Remain open minded.
- Commit to big picture, not personal interest. Inquire into the ideas of others before advocating for one's idea.
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### Respectful Responses:

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- Pause before responding to enhance dialogue and decision making.
- Pay attention to self and others; be aware of what you are saying and how it is said as well as how others are responding.
- Paraphrase to indicate that you are an active participant and understand the conversation.
- Encourage a spirit of inquiry, balance advocacy with inquiry, so as not to rush to decision making nor leave issues without closure.

- Review of Parkland Tragedy

### [Parkland](#)

The committee reviewed the report in the link above involving the tragic events in Florida from last year. The information in the link speaks for itself, and served as a point of reflection for the rest of the meeting.

- Safety Plan Review: [ERP](#)

- NYS Comptrollers Audit draft findings were announced, it was shared that the next DWSC meeting will be used to discuss recommended changes to the Districtwide Safety Plan.

- [Assemblyman Lalor Tax Cap Proposed Bill](#)

- Mr. Lolkema reviewed the proposed legislation. It was also noted that Assemblyman Lalors office will seek a 'same as' bill in the Senate.

- Parent Guide Draft

- A draft of a new information flyer for parents involving school safety was reviewed. The next step for this document will be to share it with the building Principals and ask them for feedback.

- SSBA Update

- Vestibules: Installations will be completed over the summer for all schools. Fishkill ES may take a bit longer to complete as there is extensive site work.

- VMS Update: The district chose Raptor Technologies as the new visitor management system.

- School Security & Door Hardening

- NYSED letter: New guidance from NYSED has been provided regarding keeping doors locked / closed

during the regular school day as well as during an emergency. This guidance document was reviewed by the committee.