

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

Attendees: Peter Zwack, Dennis Cooper, Marci Tebbano, Peter Bednarek, Jeremy Ecker, Rachel Frederick, Jill Bush, Bonnie Lange, Tyler Paluba, Akra Scott, Rita Cowell, Chris Crounse, Andrea Polikoski, Lori DeSio, Drew Giaquinto

Agenda Items

Building Level Emergency Response Plans (**Jon Van Alstyne**)

- Over the summer, Jon Van Alstyne and SRO Jeremy Ecker met with each principal to update their Building-Level Emergency Response Plans. Each plan was placed into a secured shared drive.

Desha's Law – Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (**Jon Van Alstyne**)

- Desha's Law was signed by Governor Hochul in July 2025. This law requires schools to develop a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan, and it includes information on AED accessibility, training, and identifying cardiac arrest. Each Building-Level Emergency Response Plan in the district has been updated with a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. By January 20, 2026, all schools must include a Cardiac Emergency Response section in their District-Wide Safety Plan. This will require a 30-day public comment period. Training for staff in identifying cardiac arrest must also occur by January 20.

Lead in Drinking Water (**Jon Van Alstyne**)

- Lead testing in drinking water must occur prior to December 31, 2025. Water sampling was scheduled to occur in September 2025 but was pushed back to October because of issues with the vendor. ECS Mid-Atlantic is in the process of drawing samples. Once the results are received, there are several steps that must occur. This includes a notification to families, notification to the county department of health, and posting the results on the school website. Drew discussed the previous sampling and how the new standard is much lower. Capital Project plans replaced water lines and fixtures to adhere to the previous standard. The newer-style drinking fountains that were installed have a filtration system which should prevent lead consumption.

Training/Tabletop Exercises (**Jon Van Alstyne**)

- A short discussion on potential future training/tabletop exercises was had (Stop the Bleed, Playground Monitoring, etc.)
- Threat Assessment/Say Something Anonymous Reporting (**Jeremy Ecker**)
- SRO Ecker discussed Sandy Hook Promise and their Say Something Anonymous Reporting system. It has been successful in other school districts throughout the United States. This is a free service which includes a tip-line where individuals can report concerns, and the tips are received in a call center. The call center is staffed 24/7 by trained employees who evaluate each tip, triage them, and forward them to school administration.

Round Table

None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2025