

Report from the Woodbridge Board of Education's Ad Hoc SRO Committee

November 2, 2017





Charge to the Ad Hoc SRO Committee

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



Committee 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



Committee 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/Staff Forum & Survey Responses

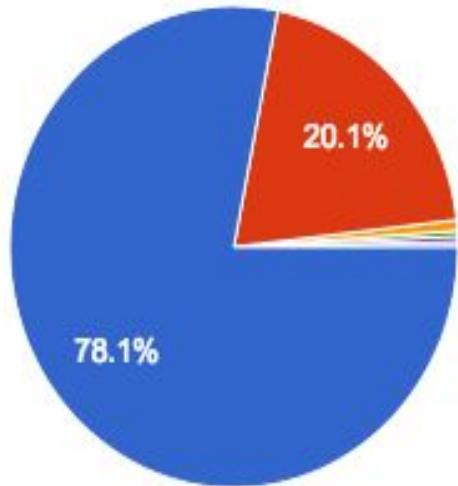
Parent participation at the four Parent Forums was minimal – 6-8 parents in total attended. Staff participation at the two Staff forums was also low – 7-9 staff members attended in total.

Participation in the survey was also low:

- Total of 279 responses received
- 57 (out of 123) staff responses = 46%
- 217 (out of 890 EMAIL links) parent responses = 24%
- 3 people ID as dual
- Paper copies provided as needed
- No clear “mandate” from survey, either in number of responses, or consistency of responses.

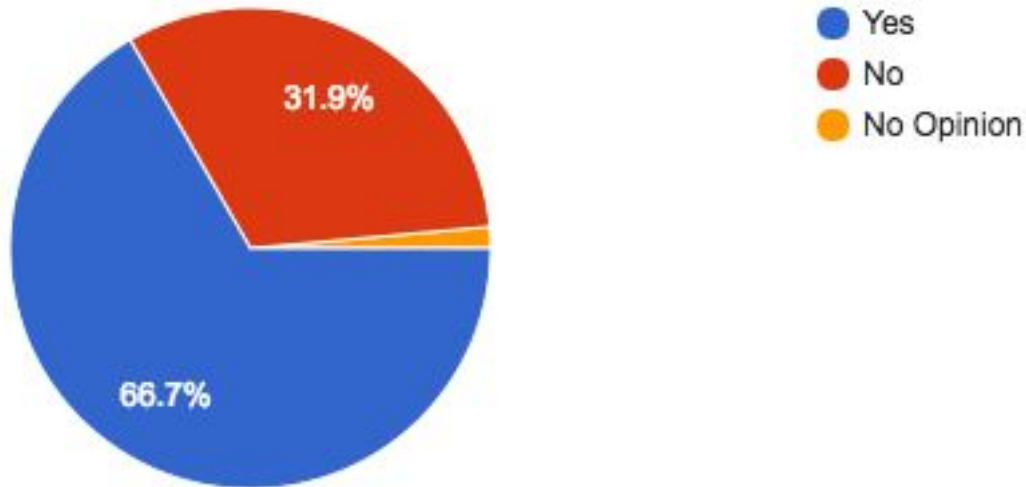


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- Parent
- Staff member
- Both
- Parent of Future Students
- staff member and resident
- both

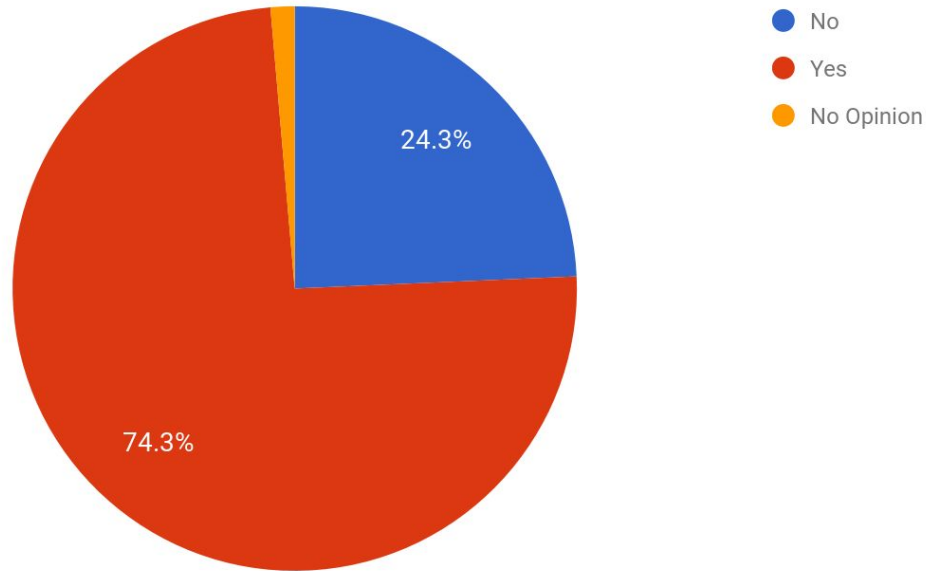
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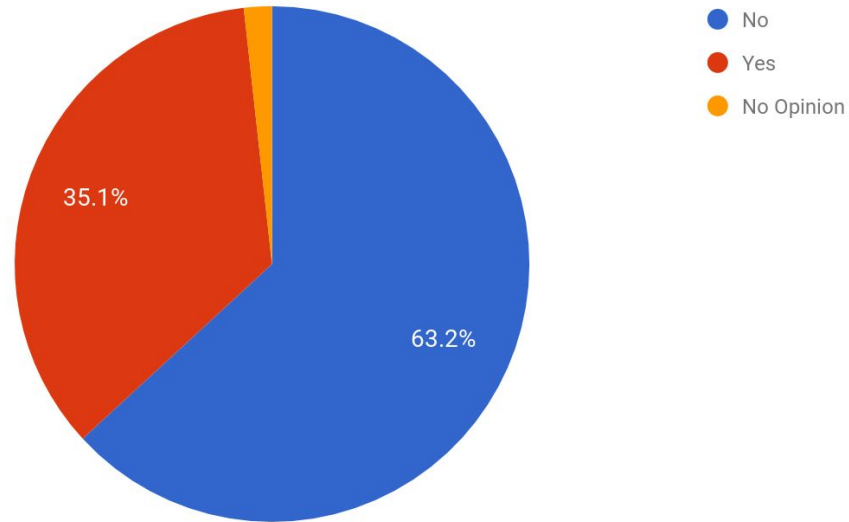
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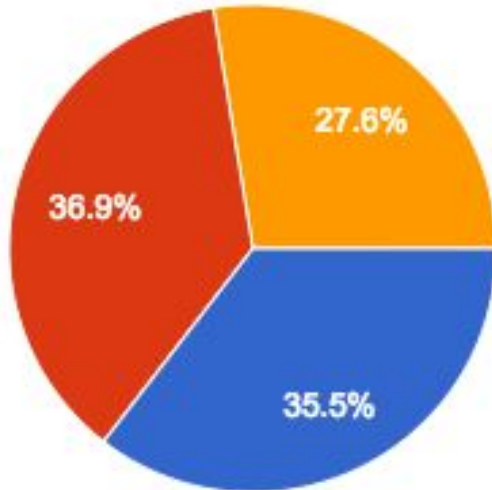


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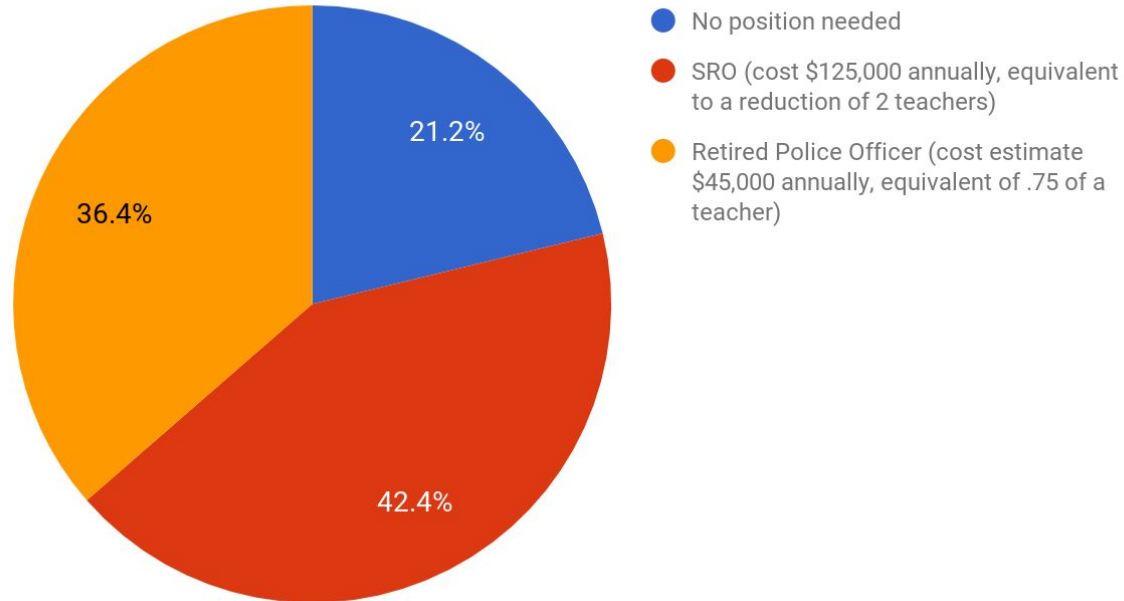
3. What level of security personnel do you feel is needed:



- SRO (cost \$125,000 annually, equivalent to a reduction of 2 teachers)
- Retired Police Officer (cost estimate \$45,000 annually, equivalent of .75 of a teacher)
- No position needed

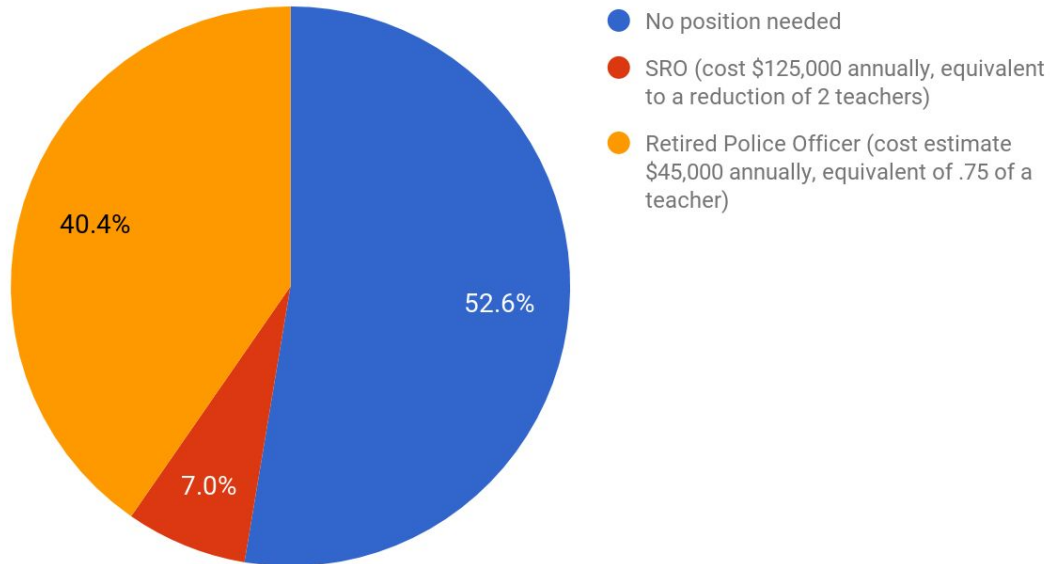
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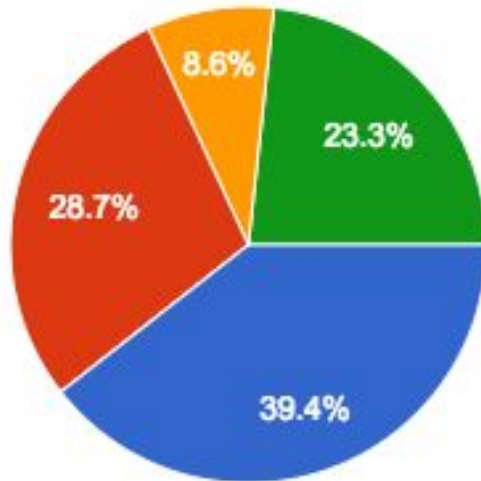


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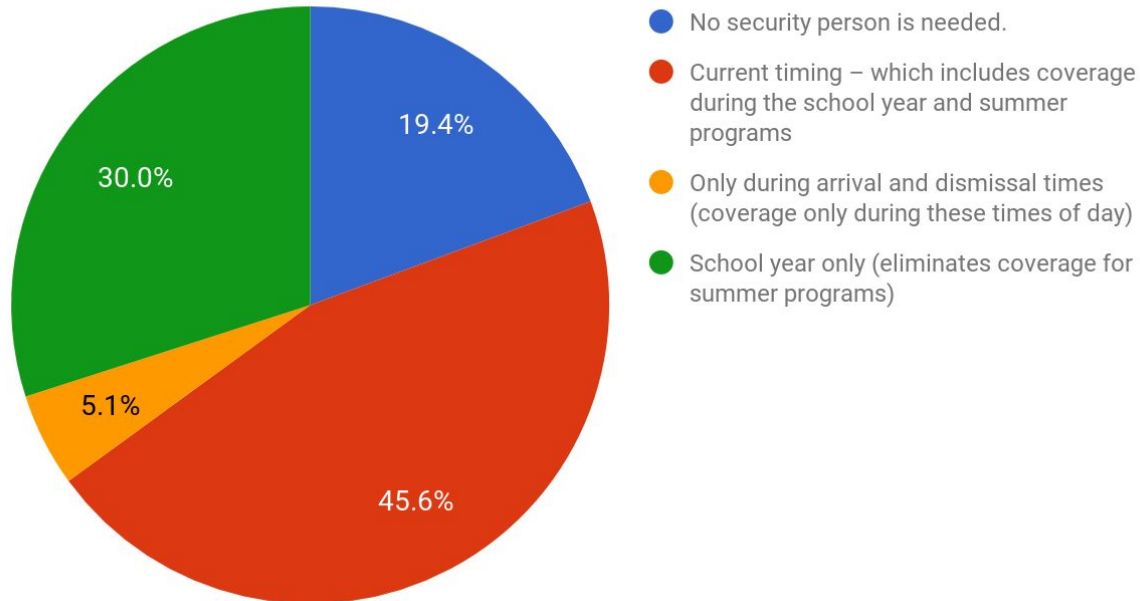
4. Based on your experience at Beecher, WHEN do you think a security person is needed?



- Current timing – which includes coverage during the school year and summer programs
- School year only (eliminates coverage for summer programs)
- Only during arrival and dismissal times (coverage only during these times of day)
- No security person is needed.

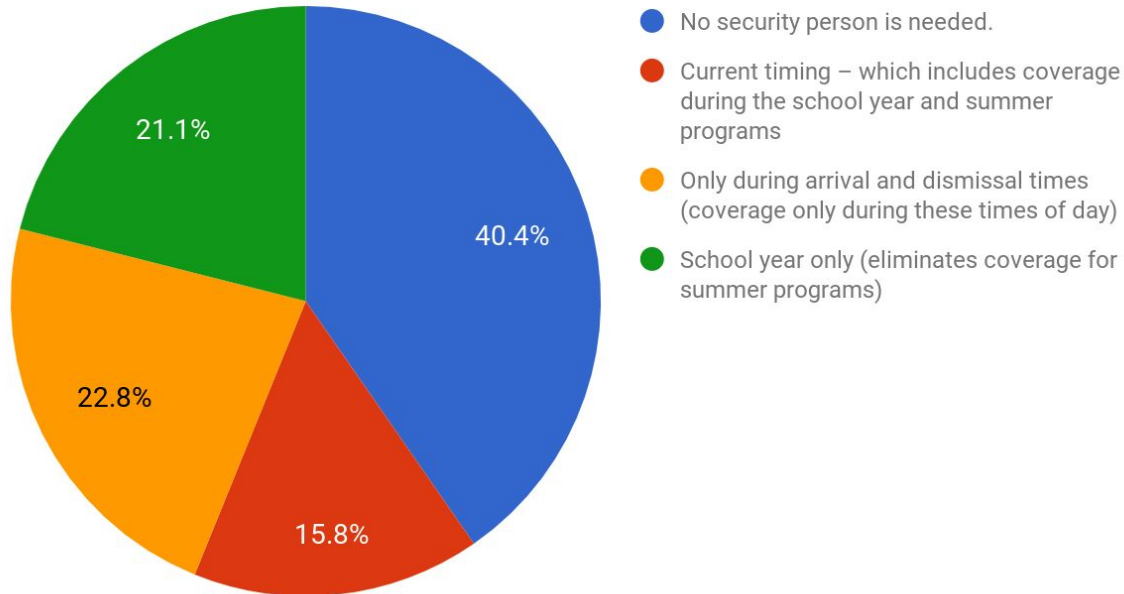
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Committee Reflections and Discussion



Committee 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.



Questions and Comments