



Safety & Security Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
8:30 AM
Zoom Webinar

- I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
- II. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION / OPENING REMARKS
 - A. Introduction of Committee Members
 - B. Committee Purpose & Ethos
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of minutes from the January 14, 2025 Safety & Security Committee Meeting.
- IV. DISCUSSION OF SAFETY & SECURITY TOPICS
 - A. Announcements
 - 1. Director of Safety & Security
 - 2. "Meet the Director" community forums
 - B. Physical Security & Threat Prevention
 - 1. Swatting Incident Recap
 - 2. Portable Alert System rollout
 - C. Cybersecurity
 - 1. PowerSchool Incident update
 - D. SPOTLIGHT CONVERSATION
 - 1. Jim Wiltsie, Director of Safety & Security
- V. DISCUSSION IN FUTURE MEETINGS
 - A. Outstanding WPS Safety & Security Topics
 - B. Trends in Safety & Security
 - C. Capital Budget: Safety & Security Priorities
- VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE
 - A. March 11, 2025, 8:30 AM, via Zoom Webinar, Safety & Security Committee meeting
- VII. ADJOURNMENT



Safety & Security Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:30 AM

Zoom Webinar

Absent: Steven Ezzes, **Present:** David Felton, Michael Guido. Present: 2, Absent: 1.

I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Additional Attendees:

Lisa Barbiero, Superintendent; Dan Divito, Director of Digital Learning & Technology; Michael DelMastro, Director of Facilities; Captain Joe Miceli, Weston Police Department

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM

Move that the Safety & Security Committee begin the January 14, 2025 meeting. Unseconded with a motion by Guido, Michael.

II. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION / OPENING REMARKS

Michael Guido emphasized the committee's goals: transparency, communication, and improving safety measures.

A. Introduction of Committee Members

Mr. Guido introduced the members of the committee. The committee members will also be joined by Joe Miceli, Captain of the Weston Police Department, along with new Director of Safety and Security, Jim Wiltsie.

B. Committee Purpose & Ethos

A major objective of the committee is to increase communication and transparency with the Weston community while maintaining the necessary confidentiality in sensitive security matters. Although some security topics remain confidential, the committee is committed to sharing what is possible to build community confidence.

III. DISCUSSION OF SAFETY & SECURITY TOPICS

A. Announcements

a. Director of Safety & Security

James Wiltsie was recently hired as the new Director of Safety & Security for the district. His first official day is set for Monday, February 3. He will oversee all school safety and security measures, and will work closely with school administration, local law enforcement (Weston PD), and the community.

b. "Meet the Director" community forums

Two public forums will be held to introduce the Director to the community: one in the morning and one in the evening for accessibility. These sessions will allow parents and community members to ask questions and express concerns. The forums are expected to take place after the February break (week of February 24th), allowing him time to settle into his role.

B. Physical Security & Threat Prevention Updates

a. Portable Alert System

The "Quick Alert" system is being introduced to enhance emergency response capabilities in schools. These wearable alert devices allow staff to quickly notify security personnel and law enforcement in case of an emergency. The system is being stress-tested to ensure smooth operation. It is integrated with the Weston Police Department's notification system.

b. Auto-Locking Mechanisms for Classroom Doors

The district has implemented automatic-locking classroom doors to enhance security and reduce reliance on manual locking.

c. School Campus Closure

The school campus is closed to the public during school hours to enhance student and staff safety. Compliance has improved, but challenges remain, especially as warmer weather approaches.

C. Cybersecurity Updates

- a. PowerSchool Incident
PowerSchool suffered a breach; Weston's student and staff data was affected. No Social Security Numbers or passwords were compromised. Parents and staff will receive further updates, including details on free credit monitoring. The district is pushing for stronger security measures from PowerSchool

IV. SPOTLIGHT CONVERSATION

- A. Captain Joe Miceli
Joe Miceli was recently appointed as Captain of the Weston Police Department. Captain Miceli has been involved in school emergency planning and operations for many years. He has completed extensive security and threat assessment training, including with Homeland Security and the Secret Service. He will work closely with the new Director of Safety & Security, to ensure seamless coordination between Weston PD and the school district.

V. DISCUSSION(S) FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting will feature the new Security Director, Jim Wiltsie, follow-up on key security projects (Quick Alerts, auto-locks, campus closure), cybersecurity updates and PowerSchool breach resolution, long-term security strategy, including external assessments and funding, and exploring ways to improve public engagement in school safety discussions.

- A. Introduction of the New Director of Safety & Security, Jim Wiltsie
- B. Outstanding WPS Safety & Security Topics
- C. Trends in Safety & Security
- D. Capital Budget: Safety & Security Priorities

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE

- A. February 11, 2025, 8:30 AM, Via Zoom Webinar, Safety & Security Meeting

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM

Move that the Safety & Security Committee adjourn the January 14, 2025 meeting. Carried with a motion by Felton, David and a second by Guido, Michael.

David Felton: Yea, Michael Guido: Yea

Yea: 2, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted by:
Jodi Sacchetta

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