



Public Facilities and Safety Subcommittee
Zoom Webinar
Tuesday April 19, 2022
6:00 P.M

Attendees: Committee Members Michael Drummey (Chair), Robert McCarthy, Joseph Grey, Sharyn Rose-Zeiberg,

Guests: Superintendent Ligia Noriega-Murphy, Asst. Superintendent Pamela MacDonald, Police Chief Kevin Molis, Police Captain Glen Cronin, and parent Eric Henry

Agenda: 1. Debriefing on Incident at Malden High School on April 7th
2. Recommendations of what was done, what can be done, and what should be done to prevent this in the future.

1. The meeting started right at 6:00 with the Superintendent going through the School Safety Policy and School Emergency Operation Plan. These plans are revised at least once a year if not more often, and are posted on the MPS Website. Each school has a School Crisis Flip Chart to follow established protocols. There is a district Crisis Recovery Team to handle emotional support during and after traumatic events for students, staff, and parents.

Starting April 30, 2022 MPS and MPD will start a series of workshops to aimed to develop a better rapport between students and police.

2. Chief Molis then described the events that occurred at the high school. At 12:14 the police received a call of a student on the 4th floor being injured as a result of a wound suffered by an object in the hand of another student. The school was put on lock down, Malden Police, Fire, and Cataldo ambulance responded to the school. The victim was cared for quickly and efficiently while the suspect was apprehended and arrested on site after which the lock down was lifted.

There was a quick conversation between the Superintendent, the Chief, Principal Mastrangelo, and the Mayor's Office provided the media a brief and reassuring account of what happened. A communication went out to families and care givers regarding the lockdown and when it was lifted. Principal Mastrangelo communicated to the students before they were dismissed for the day. He also had offered support for anyone who wanted to stay and talk to staff, adjustment counselors and social workers. The next day Assistant Superintendent Pam McDonald worked to have enough support for anyone that needed or wanted to talk to someone about the previous day.

3. Mr. McCarthy asked how many designated hall monitors are in the high school and were working that day, to which the Superintendent informed him there are three but only two were working that day. Mr. McCarthy is going to look into see if hiring some is feasible in the current Fiscal Year.

4. Ms. Rose-Zeiberg received a call from a parent about their child who was too disturbed go to school the next day as they did not feel safe there. While there is staff to help their child cope with this feeling they are not comfortable talking to support in school and maybe having a "Mental Health" day. The Superintendent went on to explain that if a "Mental Health Day" was not an excused absence and if given to the school would be treated as a snow day and have to be made up on the back end of the school year. She said that when the parent calls in for the student not coming in for that reason, the school will send support to the house for the student instead.

5. Mr. Eric Henry, 75 Wiley Street wanted to thank Ms. Rose-Zeiberg and Superintendent Noriega-Murphy for explaining the help and mental health available for the students.

Meeting Adjourned 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Drummey